

**THE BLOW ALMOST
KILLED REV. HOUSTON**East Aurora, N. Y.,
Dec. 8, 1920.

Editor Standard:

Having almost recovered from the recent overwhelming blow received on election day, I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know that I am still alive. It sure was a terrific wallop, and received right on the solar plexus of my American anatomy. Said s. p. is now well, but the print of the anti-American fist is still discernible. The shock was so great that it almost made me feel sorry, not that I am an American, but sorry that I am almost the only American. I can think of a few more, and a lot that used to be, but now they are laid up for repairs. They may be reclaimed and cured, but now it would be a misnomer to label them Americans. Guess you are still one and proud that you are still under the stars and stripes whose ble field stands for the blue vault of heaven that over-arches all the world, whose red stripes stands for that blood that was shed that the world might be made "safe for Democracy", and whose white stands for the purity of motives and unselfishness of purpose that actuated the United States in entering the war. It seems that had I forgotten these things and had voted for a narrow Americanism, am afraid Americanism, a selfish Americanism, I would now be ashamed to even march under that glorious symbol again.

The only extminating thought is that the American people were deceived. Lincoln said you can "fool all of the people some of the time" and this seems to be darn near one of those times. If I thought that they did it intelligently, I would feel much worse, but like the apostle Peter who said to the Jews after they had crucified our Lord: "I know brethren that in ignorance ye did it." I feel like saying the same thing. The Pharisees had them deceived and so prejudiced that they did not reason. It was so in this election. Partisanism, deception, selfishness and passions of the basest sort was so aroused that had Jesus Christ been here and had advocated the League of Nations, which he would have done gladly, as a step toward the ushering in of his kingdom among men, the people would have cried out as the Jews did then, Crucify Him! Crucify Him! Away with Him! Away with Him! Well, they have crucified President Wilson

CHOIR BOY MURDERER SINGS
FAREWELL TO MOTHER

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 9.—Nick Viana, the choir boy murderer, went to his death today on his nineteenth birthday without showing a trace of fear, and protesting his innocence. He was hanged for participating in the murder of Andrew Bowman, a saloon keeper.

"It is no disgrace to die for my father, mother and sisters," the lad said as the noose was adjusted.

Viana declared that, while he did not do the shooting, he would not tell who did, because of threats made against his family's lives if he turned state's evidence.

The trap was sprung at 8 a. m. His neck was broken and he was pronounced dead five minutes later.

Strong efforts had been made by clubs in this city to save the boy's life.

Jane Addams and other leaders protested the hanging because of his youth.

The boy sang his last song for his mother when she visited him in the death cell shortly before midnight.

As the mother parted from her son for the last time, she asked him to sing for her once more.

The boy's voice, steady and clear, rang through the corridors of the jail with "Mother o' Mine."

The aged and dithered Sicilian mother held her son closely in her arms as he sang.

"If I were hanged on the highest hill, O Mother o' Mine, Mother o' Mine, I know whose love would follow me still, O Mother o' Mine, Mother o' Mine," ran the song.

Scores of relatives and friends who crowded the jail courtyard wept, Madonnas, with flaming shawls, their young ones at their skirts, wailed.

Prisoners in other cells wept and were not ashamed to be seen crying as they realized what the words of the song must mean to the boy as he stood in the shadow of The Valley."

No. 2056.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT
of the financial condition of the**Bank of Sikeston**

at Sikeston, State of Missouri, at the close of business on the 7th day of December, 1920, published in the Sikeston Standard, a newspaper printed and published at Sikeston, State of Missouri, on the 14th day of December, 1920.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, undoubtably good on personal or collateral	\$385 170 12
Overdrafts	176 847 02
Bonds and stocks	283 52
Real Estate [banking house]	00 000 00
Other real Estate	00 000 00
Furniture and Fixtures	00 000 00
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check	213 500 41
Cash items	1 906 15
Currency	11 464 00
Specie	4 916 71
Total	\$794 087 63

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$400 000 00
Surplus fund	60 000 00
Undivided profits, net	16 281 75
Individual deposits subject to check	227 646 21
Time certificates of deposits	78 419 41
Demand certificates of deposit	3 000 51
Savings deposits	7 733 43
Cashier's checks	1 066 73
Total	\$794 087 63

DENVER DEMOCRATS

REFUSE TO ELECT BRYAN

Denver, Colo., December 11.—A motion to elect William Jennings Bryan as honorary member of the Young Men's Democratic Club of Denver was lost last night at a meeting of the organization when it failed of a second.

Bryan's suggestion that President Wilson resign was one of the reasons assigned for the club's refusal to elect the Nebraskan, according to E. V. Dunklee, president.

GLASSES GLASSES

I handle every kind of lenses known to the science of optics. I stand absolutely behind my work so why shouldn't I have some of your work? Mail me your broken lens. I will duplicate and return to you at once.

Dr. LONG, Eyesight Specialist
Over Kready Drug Store.
If they come from Long's, they must be right.

Try a Tomato Flip.—The Bijou.
Dempster does not sell at Cost, but Meets Competition.

Clarence Keaton of Cairo was a business visitor in this city Saturday.

Mrs. Fannie Hamilton and Mrs. Edna Chynowth act as chief police officers in Madison, Wis., where thousands of women are enrolled as students at the University of Wisconsin.

Try a Tomato Flip.—The Bijou.
Dempster will supply your wants in Furniture and Stoves.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. (Commissioned and qualified for a term expiring March 20, 1924.)

LACY E. ALLARD, Notary Public.

BETTY MATTHEWS

JOE C. CORRIGAN

A. J. MOORE

Assistant Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 10th day of December, A. D. nineteen hundred and twenty.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. (Commissioned and qualified for a term expiring March 20, 1924.)

CORRECT

ATTEST

E. C. MATTHEWS

Directors.

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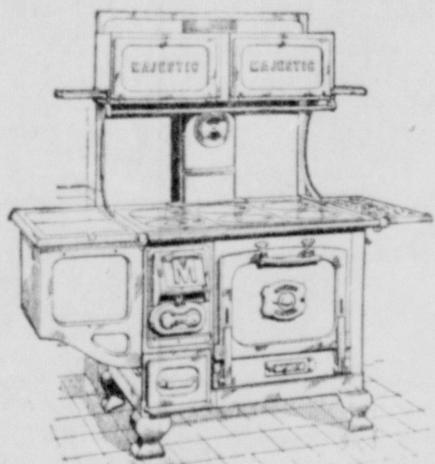
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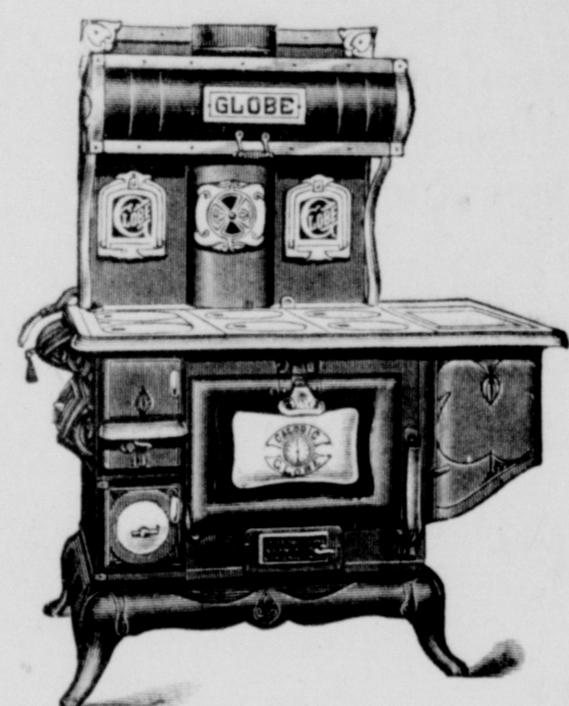
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Most Sensational Cut Price

Ranges, Heaters and Oil Stoves



Majestic Malleable Range was \$156.00, now....\$118.00
 Mars Globe Range was \$100.00, now.....78.50
 Caloric Globe Range, with reservoir, was \$90, now 68.50
 Heinz Cast Range, square, with white enamel door and warming closet and polished top, was \$72.50
 now59.75
 Heinz Reservoir Range, with blue enamel door and warming closet, was \$72.50, now.....59.75
 Heinz Plain steel Range, with reservoir, was \$62.50,
 now49.50
 Heinz Cast Cook Stove, wood or coal, was \$30.00,
 now24.50
 Orion Flyer Cook Stove, wood or coal, was \$24.50,
 now19.50
 Orion Marvel Cook Stove, wood or coal, was \$34.50,
 now25.50
 2-Cap Laundry Cook Stove was \$7.75, now6.25



3-Burner Complete, was \$36.25, now.....\$26.75
 4-Burner Complete, was \$47.25, now.....34.75
 2-Burner Ovens with drop door, was \$6.75, now....4.95
 1-Burner Oven, with drop door, was \$5.75, now....3.95
 Oil Wicks for all kinds of stoves, were 35c, now....29

No. 718 New Globe Hot Blast, was \$58.50, now....\$44.75
 No. 716 New Globe Hot Blast, was \$52.50, now....40.75
 No. 118 Rex Hot Blast, was \$46.50, now.....35.75
 No. 118 Rex Oak, was \$42.50, now.....32.75
 No. 14 Aetna Hot Blast, was \$21.00, now.....16.75
 No. 16 Aetna Hot Blast, was \$24.00, now.....19.75
 No. 17 Globe Oaklet, was \$29.50, now.....22.75
 No. 116 Rex Hot Blast, was \$40.00, now.....30.75
 No. 116 Rex Oak, was \$37.50, now.....28.75
 No. 13 Enders Oak, was \$14.50, now.....11.75
 No. 15 Enders Oak, was \$17.50, now.....13.75
 No. 19 Enders Oak, was \$30.00, now.....21.75
 No. 18 Wilson Hot Blast, was \$42.50, now.....30.75
 No. 15 Globe Oaklet, was \$24.50, now.....18.75
 No. 13 Globe Oaklet, was \$21.50, now.....16.75
 No. 15 Heinz Hot Blast, was \$27.50, now.....19.75

Boys' Wagons at Cost

Razors and Pocket Knives
Less 25 Per Cent

Tinware 25 Per Cent Off

Shot Guns and Auto Casings
Actual Cost

Yard Fence 20 Per Cent Off

Toys Less 25 per cent

Shot Gun Shells
Smokeless, \$1.20
Black Powder, 95c
12 gauge

Water Tanks
Heavy Iron, Rolled Edge
Less 25 per cent

Gasoline Engines, E-B Make, at Cost

Cross Cut Saws at Cost

Pyrex Ware at Cost

Aluminum Ware 25 per cent off

Lap Robes at Cost

DeLaval Separators
were \$100, now \$85

Roller Skates at Cost

Sugar Kettles at Cost

Graniteware Less 25 per cent

Toys--25 per cent off on Everything

Thermos Bottles and Jugs at Cost

Fishing Tackle at Cost

Toys Less 25 per cent

Shot Gun Shells

12 gauge
\$1.20 Smokeless
95c Black Powder

Toys

25 per cent off on everything

Poultry Wire at Cost

Roofing 33 1/3 per cent off

Felt Paper and Red Resin 20 per cent off

Fence Staples \$5.30 per keg

Hay Track and Hay Rope at cost

Lanterns at Cost

Shelf Hardware at Cost

13 DAY SALE--DECEMBER 1

\$50,000.00 Stock of

To Go at Prices Less Than We

EVERY ITEM IN OUR

In order to do this we are going to offer every single item you ever hear of a Hardware and Harness Sale, especially haven't. Because there has been no reduction in the prices are now guaranteed to us for the next six months. need it bad. When we offer you nails, barb wire, merchandise listed on this sheet at the prices we quote, prices sold at. But we cannot afford to carry this stock

Therefore It is Going to Go at Prices Unhe and Be Here Early Friday

3-Inch

Weber-Damme, Complete

FOR CASH

\$110.00



THE ABOVE PRICE ON WAGON

ALL SIL

EVERY ITEM WE OFFER FOR SALE

LESS 20 PER CENT OR MORE

Reduced 25

To everyone we wish to state that we are not broke, neither are we going stock of hardware and harness in the state to raise it. We will have the full benefit of this slash in prices. We cannot promise you that will be sold that we cannot replace for the money today, therefore it is money. To all our friends and customers we extend a Merry, Merry Year, and invite your continued confidence and patronage.

SIKESTON HARD

"Everything in Ha

SIKEST

THE QUALITY STORE

A Christmas Gift

We are now making another sweeping reduction in the best and well known Hart, Schaffner & Marx Suits and Overcoats, all wool, and sold under our usual guarantee, on account of the advancing season and

Fortunate Latest Purchase AT HALF PRICE!

This will be our final reduction. For those who can appreciate Hart, Schaffner & Marx clothes, it is up to them to take advantage of this gift. Remember we mean this offer is at

HALF PRICE FOR CASH

*Lasting Only
During the
Holiday
Festivities*



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Our special sale in other lines still continues, and in the dry goods Department you will find the largest assortment of toys and Christmas selections within everybody's reach.

GROCERY DEPARTMENT

Everything fresh. New Orleans Salt Water Oysters, Choicest Fruits, Nuts, Grapes, Vegetables, Canned Goods, and almost any kind of Delicious Candy you may want. Everything sold under a strict guarantee.

**SIKESTON
MERCANTILE CO.**

SIKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

ISSUED TUESDAY AND FRIDAYS
AT SIKESTON, MISSOURI.

Entered at the Postoffice at Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri, as second-class mail matter, according to act of Congress.

THE STANDARD is the only paper in Scott County that is published twice-a-week; for newspaper readers wanting the news while it is news, and for advertisers desiring quick results, it is the best medium.

The Standard announces the following new rates for advertising effective August 1, 1920:

Display advertising, per single column inch, net 25c
Reading notices per line 10c
Financial statements for banks, \$6.00
Probate notices, minimum \$5.00

The Standard announces the following new rates for subscription effective September 1, 1920:

Yearly subscription anywhere in Scott and adjoining counties \$2.00
Yearly subscription elsewhere in United States \$2.50
No renewal allowed at present rate for longer than one year.Foreign Advertising Representative
THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

The Standard family return thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kendall for a fine mess of meat contributed Friday.

The Open Shop means the American Plan of employment under which an employer is free to hire men regardless of whether or not they belong to a union. The unions are trying to compel employers to hire only members of unions.

Federal legislation to help the farmer at this time will have to come in a hurry. Everything he produces is going at pre-war prices and farm machinery that he uses is 20 per cent above high war prices. Let Congress hit the corporation thieves.

The old bachelor editor of The Paris Mercury recently asked the question: "Why do girls wear their stockings rolled at the top?" and let 'er go at that. The first mail brought an anonymous answer from a female, which said: "To keep the teddy bears from eating the tops!"

The outlook for much of an increase in the price of wheat and corn is not at all flattering. There are no foreign markets that are calling for our grain and when the crop from the corn belt is thrown on the market it will more likely be lower than higher. If our producers cannot feed their grain they just as well sell it and take their loss.

The editor is in receipt of a circular from the Missouri League of Women Voters with headquarters at St. Louis, telling of their aims, etc., and their slogan is: "Principle First." Remembering the actions and votes of some of our women voters in the recent election, The Standard is of the opinion that some of them have no principle hence our lack of interest in their future aims.

For the past several weeks Morley has been supplied with electricity from the Missouri Public Utilities Company's Sikeston plant, which when in good order gives almost as much light as a good healthy lightning bug. However, we are informed that in the next week or so our night current will be supplied by the Cape plant which will be much more satisfactory than the thin juice coming from Sikeston.—Morley Banner.

Milton and Ben Blanton have received a Poland China male to head their herd, a son of The Pickett, the \$60,000 boar owned by Tow Brothers of Norway, Iowa, that is second to none in the Middle West. This young boar is the peer of anything in Southeast Missouri, has almost perfect markings, his top and underlines just a trifle less than his noted sire. The boys will be glad to have those interested visit their Elm Grove Farm and look their stock over.

The Standard believes the time was never more opportune for the merchants to go on a cash basis than now. It is true money is scarce, but not a farmer in the Sikeston District but who has more or less grain to sell or who just as well borrow money to pay the merchant as for the merchant to borrow to carry the farmer. Every laboring man and clerk draws his pay on Saturday evening or when his job is completed and it would not inconvenience them to pay as they go. The sacrifice sales being put on over the country are to get money to pay the wholesaler. If cash went the merchant could sell on a closer margin, the purchaser would buy less and at the end of the year everybody would be better off. The merchants of Sikeston and other Southeast Missouri towns should organize at once and put this suggestion in force.

Dangerous Remedies.

ciples which govern all industry and trade.

The way of artificial restraints on production and artificial props for prices is the backward way. It leads to permanent stagnation and economic disaster, if it does not lead to revolution and chaos. The forward way is to keep all our capacity and energy at work in production and commerce and find markets for our produce and commodities. There is no lack of wants in the world. We need only to use our resources to make what the world wants and devise means to supply it. We may be wrecked, but never saved, by checks and restraint on production and by government taxes and regulating bureaus. Our economic salvation depends upon our own judgment and exertions.—Post-Dispatch.

Is The Public Contrary?

One of the oldest psychological principles of the human mind is that if anyone is told not to do anything that thing immediately becomes the most sought after object in life—or words to that effect.

The Andrews Jewelry Company of Tacoma, used this same principle in their holiday advertising and found it worked. When they were closing out their business last year they wanted to sell as many men's watches as possible, but they found they also had on hand a goodly number of wrist watches. Inasmuch as wrist watches were among the articles they wanted to sell, too, they hit upon the plan of telling the public "not to buy so many wrist watches."

"Can't you persuade folks to buy something besides bracelet watches?" was the plaintive request that astonished Tacoma residents when they picked up their morning papers shortly before the holidays. Then followed an appeal from "Grandpa Green," one of the store's salesmen who had been on the job for years.

"Grandpa Green is worried," the ad announced as a starter. "He fears a shortage of bracelet watches for Christmas." Then the ad went on to say that eight had been sold by ten o'clock one morning, and that as the store is going out of business they really don't want to buy any great quantity again. Consequently they ask people to buy other watches, but not so many bracelet watches.

"But to please Grandpa Green," the ad closes, "must repeat, don't buy wrist watches or we won't have enough left for Christmas. Have, ah, have a caserole instead!"

Wrist watches sold like hot cakes at this store as a result of this novel ad and consequently the closing out sale was a big success.—Retail Public Ledger.

The troubles of the farmers are similar to the troubles of business men. They have enjoyed fat years, particularly the years of the war, when they reaped the fruits of unnatural war conditions, which shortened farm production in many nations.

Now they are suffering from unnatural peace conditions, in which readjustment is causing stagnation and inequalities in prices.

The process of readjustment is not yet complete and markets which we formerly had are closed.

It is a critical time, when losses are inevitable. We have cut ourselves off from co-operation with other nations in rehabilitating war-stricken countries and from the enjoyment of the fruits of peace. This is not a time for wild remedies to meet passing emergencies, the consequences of which may be worse than the evils we have.

It is a time for patience and deliberation in seeking the path of wisdom and progress. We have had too much interference with business, too many artificial methods of regulation and promotion. We must return to the normal methods of industry and business and work out our problems on fundamental prin-

Feed Your Corn or Make It.

M. Everett C. Brown, President of the National Live Stock Exchange, unhesitatingly says that he is convinced that 75-cent corn fed to cattle, hogs and sheep, will make the American farmer more money than it can possibly make him if it is marketed as grain.

The statement of Mr. Brown is based on observation during his recent visit abroad, where he had first-hand evidence of the depleted conditions of meat animal herds and flocks in Europe. He thinks that Germany alone, if she could be financed, would take all of the surplus hog products that America could furnish.

"The marking down of values, resulting from the agitation on the high cost of living, first struck live stock and meats. As this marking down in values goes down the line, and strikes other industries, and in fact all production, I believe that the live stock industry will be the first to react," says Mr. Brown.

In view of the fact that the number of cattle and hogs which will be fed during the coming winter will be fully 15 per cent short of the number fed either one year or two years ago, a strong situation would seem to be the outlook for spring and summer prices in 1921, for live stock of all kinds.

In other words, the outlook on live stock conditions, particularly in view of the low prices of feed, is brighter for everybody associated with the live stock business on the new basis than it has been at any time since the war ended, so thinks Mr. Brown.

The trouble with most of the schemes that are being suggested to meet the present farming situation is that they would doctor the effect and leave the cause untouched. Loaning money to a farmer at favorable rates is a good thing, of course, and so are some of the other ideas advanced. But they would bring only temporary relief.

What the farmer wants is legislation that will put his business on as safe and sound a basis as any other business. He wants the boards of trade abolished. He wants stabilized markets. He wants some assurance that the millions he is called upon to feed will not rise up, as they are now doing, and undertake to send him to the poor house. He wants the public to quit passing imposts like the tariff and high freight rates from back to back until they land upon his own.

He wants to have the same assurance of profits before he produces that the manufacturer has. He wants to have something to say about what his grain and stock will bring. These are economic conditions that must be answered. And when they are answered right we will see Agriculture on such a sound basis that quick remedies and charity loans would never again be mentioned in connection with the man who farms.

Congress could help a lot if it would. Why can't it get just as interested in Agriculture his winter as it did in the railroads last winter?—Paris Appeal.

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And while you are calling the roll of men who are different, don't overlook George Swift, a Chicago lumber dealer. He closed his books September 1—that is, he makes his business year end at that time. When inventories were all made and the books balanced, Swift found that he had made 31 per cent, net, on his investment for the year. He thought that six per cent was enough, and so he distributes 25 per cent, pro rata among his customers. The man who

bought lumber from Swift for a house was agreeably surprised to receive a check in rebate. Rather extraordinary for a man to return the profits to the parties from which they are taken. Usually they endow a college or something of that kind to ease their conscience. Ford distributes seven millions his year among his employees. But Swift goes Ford one better and gives the money back to the men from whom it was collected. Some class to Lumberman Swift. He

reminds us of the profiteers—he is so absolutely different. Guess there is no danger of Swift's method of doing business becoming "catching." No Swift, the lumberman, is not related to Swift the packer. Just couldn't be, you know.—Centralia Courier.

Leave your subscription with Sikeston News Agency. Marks for service.

HIDES WE BUY ALL KINDS.—
WALPOLES MARKET.

A Christmas draws near and every man's thoughts turn to some present for "HER"—she, in turn, is wondering what to give "HIM." Our store offers many suggestions for gift-giving that will help to solve your Christmas buying.

FOR "HER"

Shoes

Gloves

Hose

Handkerchiefs

Bedroom Slippers



FOR "HIM"

Shoes, Sox

Ties, Gloves

Fur Caps

Handbags

Handkerchiefs

FOR THE KIDDIES

Dolls

Handkerchiefs

House Slippers

Red Top Boots

Pinnell Store Company

Dissolution Sale

OF
Big Type Poland
China Hogs

Benton, Mo.

Tuesday, December 21

Beginning at 1 o'clock sharp

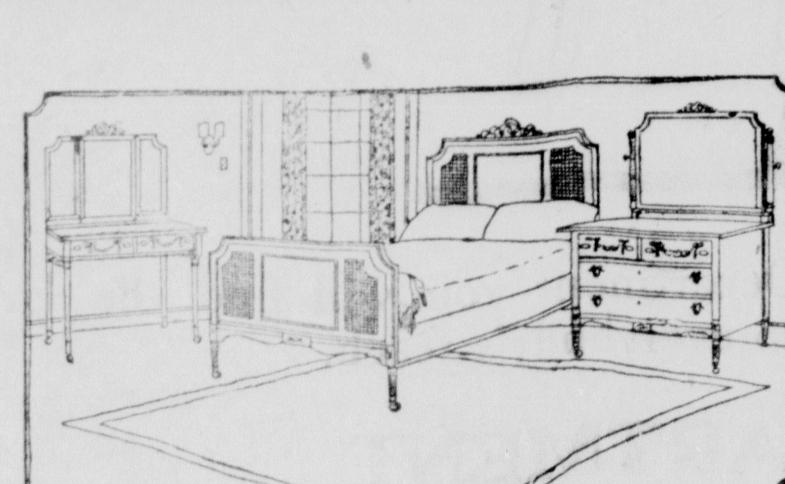
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ADJOURNED SESSION OF CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Frank Kelly of Cape Girardeau was here Monday and Tuesday for an adjourned session of the Scott County Circuit Court. Following are the proceedings thereof:

James Elders vs. Memphis Land & Lumber Co., debt and attachment, continued.

Mayme Francis vs. A. B. Hunter, replevin, defendant files bill of exceptions.

McCullin Bros. vs. American Ry. Ex. Co., damages, defendant is given 90 days to file bill of exceptions.

Corn Exchange Bank vs. M. L. Taylor and Otto Cook, note, judgment for plaintiff \$820.50.

Fornfelt vs. John Lucht et al, specific tax bill, judgment for plaintiff for \$159.15; second case, \$180.16.

Fornfelt vs. Chas. Hamm et al, ad tax bill, judgment for plaintiff for tiff \$624.16; second case, \$537.96; 3rd case, \$116.38.

Lizzie Young vs. J. D. Randolph & Ike Kugman, continued.

National Cash Register Co. vs. G. W. Layton, note, appeal to Springfield Court of Appeals granted.

J. H. Barnett vs. T. L. Smith, replevin, appeal to Springfield Court of Appeals granted.

State vs. Olli Boaz, burglary and larceny, sureties stand indebted to state for \$200.

Beknap Hardware Co. vs. Malden Hardware Co., bill in equity, cause submitted to court, hearing to be had at Malden.

Nellie Krone et al vs. Eliza Clark et al, partition, sheriff report approved.

B. F. and Mary Marshall vs. St. Louis Union Trust Co., accounting, commission of trustee disallowed \$2541.18 and charged to trustee, attorney fee \$1000 disallowed and charged to trustee, and \$1082.28 and \$700 stock dividends credited to income instead of principal.

Bess Motor Car Co. vs. W. A. Metz, debt, continued.

Finley Hubbe vs. Lillian Hubbs, divorce, continued.

A. T. Hutson vs. Ernest George, account, continued.

Hemphill Lumber Co. vs. D. A. Parker, determine title taken under advisement.

W. E. Cordell vs. Margaret Cordell, divorce, continued.

J. D. Randolph vs. Mo. Pac. R. R. Co., attachment, dismissed.

Leslie Dunning vs. Marie Dunning, divorce, continued.

Chaffee vs. R. W. Dornell, tax suit, judgment by default, \$5.04.

Chaffee vs. J. P. Francis, tax suit, judgment by default, \$5.31.

Chaffee vs. G. W. Kincannon, tax suit, dismissed.

M. L. Tylor vs. V. L. Parsons, debt, dismissed.

Bank of Vanduser vs. A. I. Trout, note, continued.

Dickie Taylor et al vs. Rosa Taylor, partition, continued.

B. F. Marshall vs. St. Louis Union Trust Co., accounting, appeal to Springfield Court of Appeals granted.

REPORT OF GRAND JURY

We, the Grand Jury within and for Scott County at the November term of Circuit Court, 1920, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have examined the books and records of the various offices of the county and find same well kept, and indexes in proper order and up to date.

The school mortgages are properly watched after and ample security covers each loan of school money.

We find in the recorder's office that several of the early records are in bad condition in so far as the binding of some of the books have worn out. We regard it very important that our land records be preserved intact, and we therefore urge that steps be taken to have the aforesaid books rebound and put in good condition.

We have examined the jail and find that same is well kept and the sanitary conditions of same good. We further find that some needed repairs for the jail and we respectfully ask that the County Court give this matter early attention.

We recommend that the sheriff's residence be painted.

We have visited the poor farm and that same is well kept, the sanitary conditions good and the inmates well fed and properly cared for.

We found at the poor farm two children, unfortunate and afflicted, and it is the sense of this jury that the poor farm is not the institution where these children should be cared for. One is a blind girl, crippled, unable to walk, helpless and about 13 years of age. The other a girl 15 years of age, an idiot.

We respectfully advise that the necessary steps be taken to place the children under the supervision of the Juvenile Court, or some steps taken to remove them to institutions where such unfortunate children may have such care and attention as is demanded in cases of such kind.

W. H. Heisserer, Foreman.

Seaplane Carriers of the U. S. Navy.

The U. S. Navy now has under construction two seaplane carriers, the "Langley" and the "Wright." These vessels will be assigned to the Fleets and each will carry a considerable number of planes for scouting and pursuit purposes.

The war developed the fact that planes can safely land upon platforms and take off from same with ease. The "Langley" which is the converted collier "Jupiter" with a speed of about sixteen knots will be devoted solely to aviation, having complete repair shops, assembling rooms, and space in her holds for storage, while she will be equipped with all paraphernalia used in aviation photography, bombing, etc.

The runaway or launching platform, will be over five hundred feet long and take in the entire width of the vessel which has a beam of 56 feet. All lookout stations, the bridge and even the smokestacks are under the platform which is erected at a comparatively high elevation.

The "Langley" is expected to be completed in time to take part in the winter maneuvers of the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets which will take place in January. This will be the first time that ships of this type have taken part in fleet maneuvers, though planes have been carried by the battleships and flown from platforms erected over the big gun turrets.

The crew of the "Langley", with the exception of the engineers force, will be composed completely of men in the aviation service. They are now undergoing training at Mitchell Field, L. I., New York. Many of the planes used on the "Langley" will be the land type instead of seaplanes. In case it is necessary for them to land upon the water, there will be flotation bags on the underside of the planes, just above the wheels of the chassis which can be instantly inflated with compressed air. The type used in most instances will be the scout planes of war fames, such as the "Vought" which is similar to the French "Spad." thought it is possible for much larger planes to fly from this platform.

Hodges' famous chile can be procured at Dudley's.

Mrs. J. Otto Hahs and children visited relatives in Dexter last week.

E. J. Keith made a business trip to Cape Girardeau Saturday afternoon.

Children's and ladies' gingham dresses priced right.—Pinnell Store Co.

Mrs. Jack Shuppert and her brother, Jack Dill, shopped Saturday in Cairo.

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Make your old houses warm with Beaver and Cornell Board.—Sikeston Concrete, Tile & Construction Co.

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From Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Murga of Los Angeles, Calif., comes word that a new baby girl has arrived at their home. "Quite a promising young singer" so says the mother, who was formerly Miss Wootsen Davis, of this city.

On account of the high cost of silk stockings, it is reported that some of the girls are painting their legs to imitate the most expensive open-work hose. Now we don't object to the girls using a little paint judiciously, but this seems to be carrying it to extremes.

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The Ilmo-Commerce Road

Work on the graveling and grading of the Ilmo-Jackson hill road has stopped on account of having used all the bond issue money appropriated for this work. The reason the money gave out was because it was necessary to pay more than the engineer's estimate, and the road was built wider and with easier grades than was contemplated.

The gentlemen in charge of the construction of this road felt that to have constructed a 9-foot road in this important highway would have been a waste of the people's money and built the road sixteen feet wide. The road now is completed except one mile. It will be impossible to complete this road this year unless the citizens and patrons of this road meet the county courts expenditure dollar for dollar which is the court's custom in matter of this kind.

It is estimated that \$2000 will be needed to complete the remaining one mile. This will be the only road leading to the Cape and north out of Scott county that can be traveled this winter and it now remains with us whether or not we get it. If you are interested in this road to the extent of a donation see Jno. Craig at Ilmo. N. F. Andersonson at Commerce or W. S. Hutton of Fornfelt—Ilmo Implicite.

M. U. Poultry Judges Win at Chicago.

Columbia, Mo., Dec. 11.—The poultry department of the Missouri College of Agriculture has just proved its supremacy by having its first poultry judging team win first place in the recent contest in the International Show at Chicago. Eight classes of fowls were judged. Maurice J. Bonham of Kansas City placed first among the individual judges, while Martine A. Seaton and Earl W. Henderson of Columbia, the other members of the Missouri team, placed third and fourth respectively. Prof. H. L. Kempster, who has an enviable record for training teachers of the subject, was coach of the team.

To the Public

I am buying some coal at a price that I can put on the market around \$8.00 per ton. Look out for it to come in.—T. L. Tanner.

Contractor Roy L. Williams, was in the city yesterday and told the index man that five miles of the new concrete road was now open for traffic, also that work on laying the concrete had been discontinued for the winter owing to the liability to damage by freezing.—Charleston Index.

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Xmas Shopping Suggestions

In several shops there is a large display of high-grade wool gloves for men, women and juniors. If gloves are on your Christmas shopping list, better make it a pair of these Scotch gloves that are in such demand now to go with the fashionable heather hosiery.

If you are going to get the kidlet a china plate, why not get one of those that fit into the tray of the high chair? They are attractively decorated and are so heavy even a 2-year-old child would have difficulty in removing it and causing a disaster.

A new traveling clock has appeared that is within the means of an ordinary mortal. To be sure, this new one is a Swiss watch, but it has the radium figures and hands, and it is set in an American leather collapsible case. So it will be a good and serviceable gift for the traveler.

Among the boxed Christmas gifts there is a comb cleaner which is new. It is made of heavy cotton threads held in place by a handle at each end. The selling features are that it is strong and can be boiled in strong soapsuds, thus keeping it thoroughly antiseptic. It is a handy article to have on hand.

An Example.

A young lady walked into a prominent bank in Indianapolis and sought the president. "I thought you would be glad to know of the happiness you have brought into my life," she said. "Some time ago I read an advertisement of your institution and at once started a small account with you. I was single then. Today I am leaving for the far west where my husband and I will settle on a fine farm, purchased with the money saved."

Surely that bank president felt advertising had paid in more ways than one, says Business Chat. He had a very pleasant afternoon with himself. We'd say he was glad, and not sorry for the day he talked it over with the publisher.

Nice silk hose for ladies and men at the right price.—Pinnell Store Co.

Harry C. Blanton returned Friday from a business trip to Mississippi.

All our \$3.00 and \$3.25 silk and georgette crepes, crepe de chines and satins \$2.75.—Pinnell Store Co.

Jack Frost has come. Look up your window glass that are broken. We make a specialty of cutting glass without charge and at our risk of breakage.—Sikeston Concrete, Tile & Construction Co.

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MATTHEWS ITEMS**MCMULLIN ITEMS**

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Singleton spent the week end in Sikeston, the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harper.

Miss Ruby Byrd was a Sikeston visitor Saturday.

Miss Dorothy Waters went to Sikeston Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Carroll left Saturday morning for Fredericksburg to be the guests of Mrs. Carroll's mother until after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Holderby were in Sikeston Saturday on business.

Mrs. Letha Edgon is visiting relatives and friends in Sikeston.

C. L. Yates went to Morehouse Saturday to attend the teachers meeting.

G. F. Deane was in New Madrid Friday on business.

Miss Virgie Atchley was a Sikeston visitor last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Bloomfield of Noxall were Sikeston visitors Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. S. S. Surface filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Newell Arnold went to Sikeston Friday to have some dental work done.

Earl Swartz was a Sikeston visitor Monday.

G. F. Dean brought down wires from Sikeston Saturday to connect from the M. E. Church to the plant at the Manford Hotel to light the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Tolderby were in New Madrid last week.

Mr. Fant went to Arkansas last Thursday on business.

Guy Waters of St. Louis was in Matthews Saturday and Sunday visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. S. A. Fox entertained the following guests at dinner Sunday: Judge B. F. Swartz, Prof. C. L. Yates, Rev. S. S. Surface, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Swartz.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelley Harris of Randles, Mo., are visiting relatives near Matthews this week.

Mr. Roberts of Marston is visiting relatives at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Ratcliffe were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Critchlow Sunday.

Miss Addie James was the guest of Miss Alice Deane Sunday and Monday.

Miss Madge Davis, teacher of the Crowe school spent the week end with her mother in Sikeston.

B. F. Mills died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. F. Franklin, Saturday evening at six o'clock. Mr. Mills had been an invalid for many months. He was seventy years old. The remains were laid to rest in the Matthews Cemetery Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Prowty was the guest of Mrs. Louis Hunott Sunday.

Our sick folks are improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stubblefield had business in Sikeston Friday.

Mr. George Clifford has put in a nice line of groceries and will sell at reasonable prices.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lewis visited Mrs. R. A. Lewis at Salcedo Sunday. T. W. Lee killed a hog Wednesday that tipped the scales at 350 pounds.

Mr. Meiderhoff and family attended church at Sikeston Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Simpson went to Sikeston Friday afternoon shopping.

Several of our farmers are taking advantage of the big grocery sales in Sikeston by buying large quantities of groceries.

Mrs. T. W. Lee said, if anyone believes the corn crop was a failure in Missouri this year, to come and take a look in the Sikeston-McMullin Grain Company's warehouse and see for themselves.

School Notes.

Lena Lyman and Andrew Bean are in school again.

Charles Simpson has been out of school for a few days.

The pupils of our school wish to thank the editor for the space he has allotted to us for our items, and also for sending us The Standard. If he could see about a dozen of us trying to read the paper at one time, he could more easily understand how much we appreciate the gift. Three cheers for The Standard, long may it prosper.

SAYS INFUX OF ALIENS FROM EUROPE IS SERIOUS

Washington, December 11.—Warning that the influx of aliens from Central Europe "is serious and dangerous," and that the State Department has information to prove the existence of a real emergency, was given to the House today by Chairman Johnson of the Immigration Committee during debate on his bill proposing a year's restriction of all immigration to the United States.

The State Department has handed him enough paragraphs from its consular officer reports to serve as a warning.

"Because certain consular officers report an excess of Jews seeking passport views at certain places, this bill has to be assaulted as an anti-Semitic bill," continued the chairman. "Not so. I care not whether the influx is Jewish, Moslem, Pagan, Buddhist, or what not. The country does not want it. It brings too many who are antigovernment and anti-God."

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Misses Pearl and Kate Meldrum and Miss Helen Harbin visited Cairo Saturday evening to look over Santa Claus.

A civil service examination will be held within a few days to fill the vacancy in the Poplar Bluff postoffice caused by the death of George C. Orchard. There are a number of applicants for the place.

CONGRESS ASKED TO START WAR ON PRICE-FIXERS

EX-KAISER LIVING IN REGAL SPLENDOR

Washington, December 11.—Correspondence between manufacturers of agricultural implements, intended to show price-fixing agreements, has been made public by the Federal Trade Commission as a part of its special report to Congress yesterday recommending legal proceedings against the firms. The commission alleged that through associations and meetings, manufacturers "fixed prices higher than increased cost of raw materials and labor" through 1916-18 and maintained them during 1919.

On eof the letters made public by the commission and purporting to have been written by L. N. Burns, general sales manager of the J. I. CasePlow Works to the La Crosse Plow Company, under date of February 23, 1917, said:

"Yours of the 18th inclosing complete dealers' prices effective December 1, has been received and I have checked our items with it. We are glad to have the opportunity of comparing prices with you, and in as much as this is all illegal, suggest you destroy this letter when you are through with it."

MONARCHY NOT FAR OFF, GERMAN WRITES

Berlin, December 11.—The time for the return of the monarchy will come when the German people will have "drained to the dregs of the blessings of the republican form of government," says the Kreuz Zeitung, discussing the anniversary of the German revolutions.

The conservatives' organ adds "that the time is likely to come much sooner than most people imagine."

The paper declares that the German proletariat in the past two years has been torn by dissensions which are constantly growing and that it is anything but a collective unit, in as much as a section of it prefers to celebrate the Russian revolution while the socalled reformists accept the German revolution as marking a new era.

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GERMANS RIDICULE AWARD OF NOBLE PRIZE TO WILSON

Berlin, December 11.—News that the Nobel peace prize has been awarded to President Wilson is received here with scorn and ridicule by all the Berlin newspapers. The liberal organs bitterly assail the President and also the Nobel judges. The Clerical Germania says:

"President Wilson is the man who gave Germany the right to hope; then robbed the Germans of their peace.

If hypocritical peace ambitions are to be crowned with the Nobel prize, then each succeeding recipient of the award must carry a share of his shame."

The Tageblatt declares that Pres-

ident Wilson's work has been "to bequeath a heritage of militarism to the New World, to which it was a strang-

er."

GLAD SISTER ESCAPED OPERATION

"Physicians had given my sister up to die; they wanted to operate for gall stones, but she was too weak and could only talk in whispers. I got her a bottle of May's Wonderful Remedy and in 3 weeks she was able to get about and walked a mile to church." It is a simple, harmless preparation that remove the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded.—Hess & Co., and Druggists Everywhere.

Doorn, Holland, Nov. 25.—Revelations in the Prussian state legislature at Berlin of the sums of money which the former German Emperor has been permitted to draw from Germany during the past two years, together with the announcement that the Dutch government will tax him for an annual income of 1,300,000 guilders, have caused the burghers of Doorn to speculate as to what he does with all this money. (Nominally, a guilder is worth 40 cents.)

From Germany, the former emperor is said to have drawn 1,000,000 guilders, equivalent at present rates or exchange to 11,138,000 German marks, also the proceeds of the sale of some of his property in the Wilhelmstrasse, said to be 40,000,000 marks. Besides all this incomes, the Prussian government has contributed additionally to the furnishing of his new house at Doorn.

For a long time William complained of being financially embarrassed. Now, however, according to the people of Doorn, he appears to be living in high style.

Not counting his marshal, General von Gontard, and other members of his immediate suite, approximately 50 servants are now employed to keep up the house of Doorn. This does not include the workmen who are still engaged in various repairs about the house and grounds.

There are 24 charwomen, who are kept busy polishing the floors, or wash-work and otherwise keeping the castle up to the standard of old German cleanliness demanded by the former Empress Augusta Victoria. They receive the equivalent of about a dollar a day. Ten of them live in the castle. In all, William now employs six cooks, who include a chef and an assistant living at the castle, and four women who come in to work by the day. There are also a number of gardeners and personal servants.

To maintain this army of servants, who average wages, the people of Doorn say, must be something more than a dollar a day, William pays in wages alone about \$20,000 a year.

Their upkeep costs him as much more and does not include the high salaried employees, like General von Gontard, Captain Von Illsman, the "court physician" and secretaries, who must cost the ex-emperor about \$20,000 more.

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POLES HAVE SOUGHT VILNA FOR 700 YEARS

Danzig, December 11.—Vilna, which the former Russian general, Zelgowski, recently occupied with troops of the Polish army, has figured in the aspirations of Polish expansionists for nearly 700 years. The Free State of Danzig is interested in the outcome of the campaign for possession of the city because it is felt here that Vilna must be the strategic point upon which will always hang the issue of peace or war. (The League of Nations has sent an international force to Geneva to enable the people of that city to decide what their nationality shall be.)

What its possession means to the Poles is indicated by recounting some of its turbulent history.

Vilna was founded by Prince Godim, of Lithuania, who reigned from 1315 to 1340, and, with Kiev, it formed an important part of Southern Russia. Godim and King Wladyslaw of Poland united in a war against the order of German Knights, but it was not until nearly 100 years later that the two countries established a common Reichstag. This was at Horodio on the Bug River and here the rulers of the two lands co-operated in deciding all important issues.

There was a complete union of Poland and Lithuania in 1569, as far as all state affairs were concerned and this continued until the end of the eighteenth century. Although Lithuania was divided into six governmental subdivisions in 1795 and was under the rule of Russia, a writer in the Danzig Zeitung says, Vilna's sympathies remained with Poland.

Vilna was occupied by Russian "red" troops in the summer of last year and twice changed hands during the Polish-Russian campaign this year.

It has been called the capital of Lithuania but the writer in the Danzig Zeitung says the number of Poles in and around Vilna probably would decide the issue in Poland's favor.

In conclusion he believes there is no question but Poland will seek to re-establish the boundaries existing before Poland's first division in 1772.

The state of Danzig is interested in

an early stabilization of Poland's eastern boundary turmoil, to give Danzig an opportunity to begin working out its economic problems.

Cruelty to Mule

Dolph Smith accused of pouring oil

on a mule's tail and then setting it

on fire was arrested Saturday in the

east bottoms about five miles from

New Madrid and lodged in the county

jail Monday night. On Tuesday he

was given a preliminary hearing and

pleading not guilty to the charge and

was released on furnishing bonds.

The mule was the property of

Alfred Stepp.—Lilburn Herald.

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		22.50 bicycles for	\$16.45

Here It Is--The Hardware Christmas

We told you it would be a Hardware Christmas, and do they look happy? Well, "I'll say they do."

Just think of the ducks and quails and bears and lions that Brother Bill may kill with that shotgun or rifle, or whatever it is, and think of the hundreds of "before-breakfast" home-made shaves Dad will get out of that razor. And think of the healthy exercise for little sister and the sore fingers for little brother and the carving set and silver.

You see, we haven't exaggerated a bit, because there are a hundred other Hardware things we could have hung on this tree if we wanted to. But there's enough to prove what we said it would be—"A Hardware Christmas," and a Merry Christmas.

We have the largest collection of Community Silverware in this section.

See you next week.

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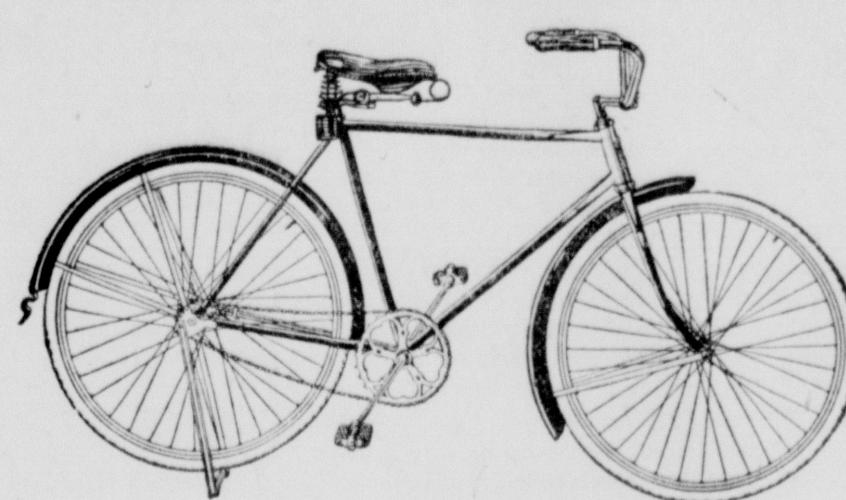
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26 x 6 Heavy American, was 65 cents, now, for CASH.....	56c
32 x 6 Light American, was 65 cents, now, for CASH.....	56c
32 x 6 Heavy American, was 75 cents, now, for CASH.....	66c
39 x 6 Light American, was 75 cents, now, for CASH.....	66c
39 x 6 Heavy American, was 85 cents, now, for CASH.....	76c

Bale Ties

The price on bale ties has varied for the past four months ranging in price from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per bale.

We offer you during this sale for CASH 9½ x 15, per bale.....\$2.37

Nails

Per keg, base price, CASH ONLY.....	\$5.00
Less than keg, per pound, for CASH.....	5½c

Barb Wire

80-Rod Spool 4-point Hog Barb, now sells for \$6.00 per spool, during this sale for CASH.....\$5.34

Harness and Saddles

Bridles, 1¼ cheek, imitation pigeon blind, brass rosettes and spots, regular price \$6.00 per pair, 100 pair during this sale.....	\$4.45
Mike Kinney Horse Collars, regular \$9.50 seller, this sale.....	\$8.35
Hair Face Collars, regular \$9.50 seller, now.....	\$8.35
All other collars reduced in price accordingly	
All-Leather Team Harness, was \$80.00 per set, now.....	\$59.75
All saddles reduced 20 per cent.	
Every item in our Harness Department reduced from 20 to 33⅓ per cent.	

Paints, Oils and Turpentine

Pure Linseed Oil, raw or boiled, was \$2.75, now.....	\$1.50
Pure Turpentine, was \$2.75 per gallon, now.....	\$1.90
Outside Paints, colors, was \$4.75, now.....	\$3.95
Outside White, was \$5.00, now.....	\$4.20
All Varnishes, Enamels, Brushes and Glass reduced accordingly.	
We handle nothing but Patton's Sun Proof.	

BAVARIANS ARE STILL ARMED

Extension of Time for Turning Over Arms There Necessary, Note Says.

Berlin, Dec. 10.—Germany has never recognized any obligations to disband defense organizations which have no military character, says a note presented to the Government by Gen. Nollet, President of the Inter-Allied Military Control Commission here. These organizations, the note points out, are but temporary, and are necessary.

The surrender of weapons throughout Germany is almost complete, the note says, with the exception of Bavaria and East Prussia, where the people are under the influence of the radical regime of 1919, and a prolongation of the period for the turning over of firearms in these districts cannot be avoided until conditions are changed, it is asserted.

Manure Value of Wheat Straw.

As the average of many analyses, a ton of wheat straw carries about 10 pounds of nitrogen, 2.6 pounds of phosphoric acid and 14.8 pounds of potash. This amount of plant food in the more available commercial forms would cost some \$5.48, valuing nitrogen at 30 cents a pound, phosphoric acid at 10 cents and potash at 15 cents. From the standpoint of actual plant food, then, it would appear that \$8 will buy more than the wheat straw carries, and in a more readily available form. More labor will also be involved in handling the straw as proposed than in using the commercial fertilizers.

On soils low in organic matter there would be more object to work the straw into the soil than under the conditions which our correspondent names, though experiments to date do not show that much can be allowed for organic matter in excess of the nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash which it carries. Missouri needs a good system of electric interurban railroads. The building of such roads has been discouraged in the past by the corporation laws of the state and persons financially interested in such enterprises assert that the law will have to be changed before capital can be obtained to promote and build electric lines in Missouri. A good system of interurban lines would assist greatly in building up the rural sections of the State.

There are doubtless conditions under which a profit can be realized from straw when used as a mulch for winter wheat, but more data are needed before a definite pronouncement can be made.—C. C. Willimas, in Ohio Farmer.

Gentle Reminder

"The storm burst upon us so suddenly we had no warning of its approach," related the tornado victim. "In an instant the house was demolished and scattered to the four winds. How I escaped being torn to pieces I do not know....."

Unreliable.

A touching little ballad entitled, "Wonder If He'll Miss Me", was received one day by a music publisher from a young woman. He read it through and then replied:

"Dear Madame: If he does he should never be trusted with firearms again."—American Legion Weekly.

Camel Cigarettes 18c at Dudleys.

A. F. Lindsay transacted business in Cairo Monday.

Ray Lucas and family of Benton visited Sunday in Sikeston, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Blanton.

Hodges Chile at Dudley's.

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BUSINESS NEWS REVIEW

Extensive plans are being developed for the cultivation of sugar beets in the Ozarks. The Springfield Chamber of Commerce and other commercial organizations have agreed to help promote the industry.

Teachers at the University of Missouri who about a year ago organized a union and affiliated with the American Federation of Labor have disbanded the union and surrendered the charter. The action of those teachers in openly aligning themselves with organized labor was severely criticized throughout the State.

All of the lead mining companies operating in St. Francois County have posted notices that the wages of their employees will be reduced 9 to 20 percent, effective January 1st.

The output of pearl button factories in Missouri during 1919 was valued at wholesale at \$413,353 and sold in the retail trade for approximately \$1,000,000, according to a bulletin issued by the Missouri Bureau of Labor Statistics. The button factories are located at Hannibal, Louisiana, Palmyra, La Grange, Canton, Memphis and Warsaw.

The Monett Times states that the Frisco railroad has completed an addition to the round house at that place at a cost of \$50,000 and is beginning work on new coal chutes to cost \$30,000.

A corporation has been organized at Marshall to develop asphalt beds near Higginsville, Missouri. The company proposes to produce road building material and asphalt paint, shingles and roofing.

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There has just been completed at West Plains the first large milk condensing plant in the great Ozark dairy region. The estimated cost of the plant was \$50,000 and it will have a capacity of about 100,000 pounds of milk a day. The plant was to be ready for operation December 15th. Dairying is rapidly becoming one of the leading industries of Southern Missouri and the addition of such plants as this give great encouragement to the industry.

"Good Lord," ejaculated little Mr. Meek. "That reminds me. I almost forgot to do an errand for my wife."—American Legion Weekly.

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LOWER FURNITURE PRICES
PROMISED BY DEALERS

Washington, December 10.—Promise of lower furniture prices was made by the National Council of Furniture Associations today in a statement issued at the close of a meeting held here. The association said the manufacturers composing its membership had determined at once to give the "buying public the advantage not only of present market conditions, but of all declines that may reasonably be expected during the first half of the coming year."

Blue Law Reformers. "Reformers" want a batch of blue laws ground out for immediate application in the District of Columbia, and eventually for the whole country. They want to stop all Sunday amusements, including baseball, and if they succeed in that, it takes no prophet to figure out what will be coming to the rest of the week.

These stern men and women are under the firm conviction that the victory of prohibition was a vindication of all their views as to what public and private conduct ought to be. They want everything which they do not themselves approve prohibited to everybody else. Government's chief function they hold is to say, "Thou shall not", and their function is to supply government the list of things to which this prohibition shall apply. Some want to prohibit tobacco, and some want to prohibit dancing, and some want to prohibit theaters. There are plenty of evils for wholesome-minded America to attack, if they really want to help.

But they ought to remain clear-headed and not confuse necessary and improving public diversions with the things that are really doing the harm. There is something the matter with the head of the man who tries to stop baseball and with the head of the woman who tries to stop bridge, while neither pay any attention to child welfare or the condition of working mothers in the land.—Kansas City Star.

NOT UP ON "TREEOLOGY"
CUTS OWN FIG TREES

Andy Welch, steam shovel engineer for the Frisco railroad, bought a farm near Mingo a few years ago. On this farm there were a number of trees that he did not know what to call.

He cut them all down except one particularly nice one that he decided to let grow just to satisfy his curiosity. Now he is going out behind the house regularly to kick himself.

This year, for the first time, that mysterious tree bore fruit, 240 beautiful and delicious figs!

With bananas growing in the Allenville vicinity and figs making a crop at Mingo there is no telling what other tropical fruits might be grown in Southeast Missouri.

It is not safe to cut down a tree because it looks strange. It might be breadfruit, coconut or something of that sort. You can't tell what'll grow on a Southeast Missouri tree, bush or vine.—Southeast Missourian

Try Dudley's Tomato Bouillon

L. C. Mayes will leave for Effingham, Ill., right after the holidays, where he will take a 60-day course in photography. From there he will go to Chicago, where he will study the art of retouching for three weeks, then return to Sikeston. If a suitable studio can be obtained he will probably locate here, else seek another location. While away Mrs. Mayes will look after the kodak work at this end of the line.

Sheriff Sneed appeared in Sikeston Saturday morning with warrants for the arrest of Lyle Malone, Nood Maniord, Earl Pate and Otis Bryant for aiding and abetting prize fighting, and Bill Malone for furnishing a house for the prize fight. The boys were under the impression that no law was being violated as inquiries were made and legal advice sought before the first of the boxing matches was put on here. Each of the boys is now under \$300 bond.

Hodges Chile at Dudley's.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter McGee and Walter Jr., of Kewanee were shopping in Sikeston Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lewis of California, who have been visiting relatives in New Madrid and Sikeston left Monday afternoon for St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Keller left Monday afternoon for Littleton, Colorado in response to a message informing the of the alarming illness of their daughter, Mrs. John Calvin.

Get our prices on underwear before you buy.—Pinnell Store Co.

Mrs. Etta Holland Napes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Holland was married Sunday afternoon to Charles Willing. The wedding took place at the bride's home in the presence of many friends of the two. The only out-of-town guest was a Mr. Vigal of Morehouse. This is Mrs. Willing's fourth matrimonial venture. The newly wedded pair plan to make their home in Morehouse.

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Santa:

I know that you are kind indeed And take good people what they need. Now my friends think I should have a wife And not be a bachelor all my life, But the dames don't come at my beck and call They just won't pay me no mind at all Now please sir try with your persuasive manner To get me a wife that can thump the "planner". —"DOC" PORTER KENDALL.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a remedy for talkin' in my sleep and also bring me where-with-all to pay the "income tax on a bushel of peanuts." —CHRIS FRANCIS.

Dear St. Nick:

Please bring me a set of "double-harness" and please rush the New Year. —LOOMIS MAYFIELD.

Santa Dear:

Please bring me an M. D. with an ear for music and who will be faithful and not stray from the fold. —ALLIE HOWARD.

Dear St. Nick:

Furniture in Sikeston is terribly high. Please bring me your catalogue, "Furnishing a home for two." —MARGARET SHANKS.

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please bring me some of your very best canary bird seed. "Loomis" won't sing. —NINA MARSHALL.

Santa Dear:

I'm a real good girl so just bring me anything you like. I always enjoy a visit from Chris (Kringle). —VERA WALPOLE.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a new bag of tricks. I've used up my old ones winning all the girls from the other fellows. —BEAU BRUMMEL (Howard Morrison).

Dear St. Nicholas:

Please bring me a well-stocked implement store. I can find a manager myself. —IRMA WILSON.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a job with more leisure. —"NEVER-SWEAT" RICHARDS.

Dear St. Nick:

Please bring me a "Bottling Works" so I can compete with "Huggins." —GEORGE LOUGH.

Santa Dear:

I'm sorry I'll not be here Christmas. I'm going to "knock 'em cold" in New Orleans. —"DOC" OLD.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a law to prevent competition. A diamond ring will not do it. —EARL PATE.

Santa Dear:

When the "Crowes" come home Xmas, please bring me a musicale one with a red head. —HEINE HENRY.

Santa:

Please bring me a "Rockey" Horse to replace "Fern A. McDonlad." —"BARNEY" MEYERS.

Dear Saint Nicholas:

Please send me a class of goo dlookin' girls—about flapper age—to instruct in the ways of "real society." —GEORGE TONELLI.

WORKHOUSE WHICH HOUSED
"OLIVER TWIST" IS CLOSED

London Dec. 9.—St. George's Workhouse, just south of London Bridge, where Oliver Twist had the audacity to ask for a second helping of thin gruel, has been closed by the poor law authorities and the inmates have been transferred elsewhere.

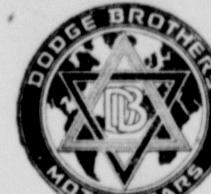
The gruel of which Dickens' child hero and his fellow sufferers partook was made in a copper cauldron, which is to be presented to the Southwark Borough Council's Museum.

Hersheys Almond Bars 8 cents or 2 for 15 at Dudley's.

FOR RENT—Five-room house furnished. Near business district. Phone 30.

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for rent. Gentlemen preferred. Apply 202 South New Madrid.

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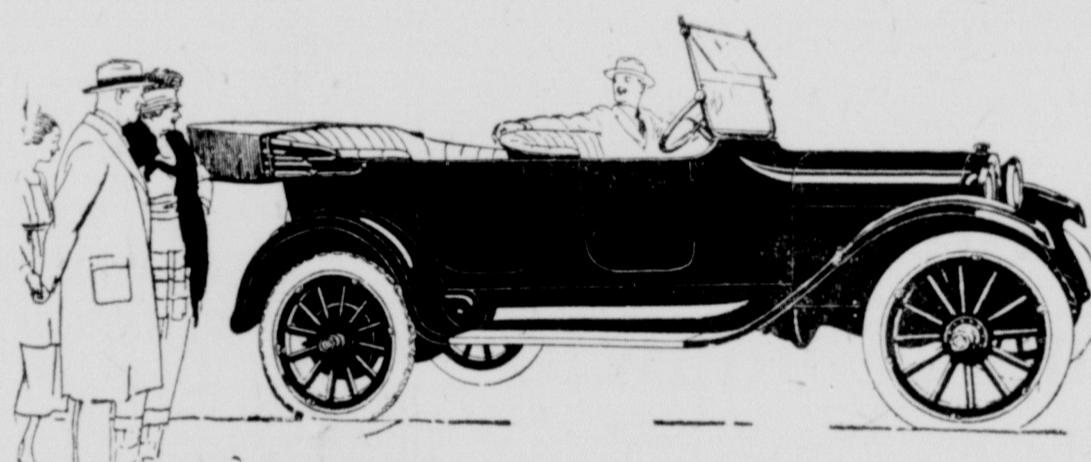
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NUMBER 44

THE BLOW ALMOST KILLED REV. HOUSTON

East Aurora, N. Y.
Dec. 8, 1920.

Editor Standard:
Having almost recovered from the recent overwhelming blow received on election day, I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know that I am still alive. It sure was a terrific wallop, and received right on the solar plexus of my American anatomy. Said s. p. is now well, but the print of the anti-American fist is still discernible. The shock was so great that it almost made me feel sorry, not that I am an American, but sorry that I am almost the only American. I can think of a few more, and a lot that used to be, but now they are laid up for repairs. They may be reclaimed and cured, but now it would be a missnomer to label them Americans. Guess you are still one and proud that you are still under the stars and stripes whose ble field stands for the blue vault of heaven that over-arches all the world, whose red stripes stands for that blood that was shed that the world might be made "safe for Democracy", and whose white stands for the purity of motives and unselfishness of purpose that actuated the United States in entering the war. It seems that had I forgotten these things and had voted for a narrow Americanism, am afraid Americanism, a selfish Americanism, I would now be ashamed to even march under that glorious symbol again.

The only exterminating thought is that the American people were deceived. Lincoln said you can "feel all of the people some of the time" and this seems to be darn near one of those times. If I thought that they did it intelligently, I would feel much worse, but like the apostle Peter who said to the Jews after they had crucified our Lord: "I know brethren that in ignorance ye did it." I feel like saying the same thing. The Pharisees had them deceived and so prejudiced that they did not reason. It was so in this election. Partisanism, deception, selfishness and passions of the basest sort was so aroused that had Jesus Christ been here and had advocated the League of Nations, which he would have done gladly, as a step toward the ushering in of his kingdom among men, the people would have cried out as the Jews did then, Crucify Him! Crucify Him! Away with Him! Away with Him! Well, they have crucified President Wilson.

No. 2056.
OFFICIAL STATEMENT
of the financial condition of the
Bank of Sikeston

at Sikeston, State of Missouri, at the close of business on the 7th day of December, 1920, published in the Sikeston Standard, a newspaper printed and published at Sikeston, State of Missouri, on the 14th day of December, 1920.

RESOURCES
Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral \$385 170 12
Loans, real estate 176 847 02
Overdrafts 283 52
Bonds and stocks 00 000 00
Real Estate [banking house] 00 000 00
Other real Estate 00 000 00
Furniture and Fixtures 00 000 00
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check 213 500 41
Cash items 1 906 15
Currency 78 419 51
Specie 4 916 71
Total 8794 087 63

LIABILITIES
Capital stock paid in \$400 000 00
Surplus fund 60 000 00
Undivided profits, net 16 281 75
Individual deposits subject to check 227 646 21
Time certificates of deposit 78 419 51
Demand certificates of deposit 3 000 00
Savings deposits 7 733 43
Cashier's checks 1 006 73
Total 8794 087 63

**STATE OF MISSOURI, }
County of Scott, } s.s.
We, Chas. D. Matthews, Jr., as president, and A. J. Moore as assistant cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.**

CHAS. D. MATTHEWS, JR.,
President
A. J. MOORE,
Assistant Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 10th day of December, A. D. nineteen hundred and twenty.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. (Commissioned and qualified for a term expiring March 20, 1924.)

LACY E. ALLARD, Notary Public.
BETTIE MATTHEWS
JOHN C. CORRIGAN
E. C. MATTHEWS
Directors.

and the League, but they still live, as does Jesus and His church, and it must make the Reeds and the Johnsons and Borahs gnash with their teeth, when they see the League functioning so gloriously, and see the League sending Wilson's greetings, just as the Pharisees gnashed their teeth when Jesus entered Jerusalem and the people spread palm branches in his way and sang hallelujahs. These scribes and Pharisees stood off looking on and said, don't you see we avail nothing, the whole world has gone after Him. The people have been led to denounce president Wilson and crucify him politically, but they will ere long acclaim him as one of the great unselfish, constructive chief executives of the age who did more for the people who repudiated him than any other administration has done in a hundred years. History will recognize him as the great protagonist and father of the League of Nations, when these times become history and when the United States will be proud to be a member of the League, and ashamed that she ever acted as she is acting now. If the noble peace prize is awarded to Mr. Wilson as has been stated that it would be, it will be an honor abundantly deserved, and a merited rebuke to his demagogic enemies.

Our people made a colossal blunder and they will be aware of it before the next two years roll by.

J. D. HOUSTON.

CHOIR BOY MURDERER SINGS FAREWELL TO MOTHER

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 9.—Nick Viana, the choir boy murderer, went to his death today on his nineteenth birthday without showing a trace of fear, and protesting his innocence. He was hanged for participating in the murder of Andrew Bowman, a saloon keeper.

"It is no disgrace to die for my mother, mother and sisters," the lad said as the noose was adjusted.

Viana declared that, while he did not do the shooting, he would not tell who did, because of threats made against his family's lives if he turned state's evidence.

The trap was sprung at 8 a. m. His neck was broken and he was pronounced dead five minutes later.

Strong efforts had been made by clubs in this city to save the boy's life.

Jane Adams and other leaders protested the hanging because of his youth.

The boy sang his last song for his mother when she visited him in the death cell shortly before midnight.

As the mother parted from her son for the last time, she asked him to sing for her once more.

The boy's voice, steady and clear, rang through the corridors of the jail with "Mother o' Mine."

The aged and withered Sicilian mother held her son closely in her arms as he sang.

"If I were hanged on the highest hill, O Mother o' Mine, Mother o' Mine, I know whose love would follow me still, O Mother o' Mine, Mother o' Mine," ran the song.

Scores of relatives and friends who crowded the jail courtyard wept, Madonnas, with flaming shawls, their young ones at their skirts, wailed.

Prisoners in other cells wept and were not ashamed to be seen crying as they realized what the words of the song must mean to the boy as he stood in the shadow of The Valley."

**DENVER DEMOCRATS
REFUSE TO ELECT BRYAN**

Denver, Colo., December 11.—A motion to elect William Jennings Bryan as honorary member of the Young Men's Democratic Club of Denver was lost last night at a meeting of the organization when it failed of a second.

Bryan's suggestion that President Wilson resign was one of the reasons assigned for the club's refusal to elect the Nebraskan, according to E. V. Dunklee, president.

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Over Kready Drug Store.
If they come from Long's, they must be right.

Try a Tomato Flip.—The Bijou.
Dempster does not sell at Cost, but Meets Competition.

Clarence Keaton of Cairo was a business visitor in this city Saturday.

Mrs. Fannie Hamilton and Mrs. Edna Chynowth act as chief police officers in Madison, Wis., where thousands of women are enrolled as students at the University of Wisconsin.

Dempster will supply your wants in Furniture and Stoves.

Records Which Will Please All

These Records Selected From Our December List, Which Will Please Every Owner of a Machine

No. 35702—12-inch, List Price \$1.35

Gems from "Mary"

Nictor Light Opera Company

Gems from "The Night Boat"

Victor Light Opera Company

No. 87319—10-inch, List Price \$1.25

At Parting

Geraldine Farrar

No. 74646—12-inch, List Price \$1.75

Symphonic Espagnole-Adante

Jascha Heifetz



THE VICTOR SHOP

DERRIS, THE DRUGGIST SIKESTON, MO.

PICTURES OF DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS WANTED

The Teachers College a Cape Girardeau is trying to secure a picture of every man who has served on the Board of Regents of the College. A special room in Academic Hall has been set aside as the Regents' Room. Pictures of the Regents are framed and hung on the walls of this room. The first board was appointed in 1873 and since that time many men prominent in Southeast Missouri have served on the Board. Pictures have already been secured of many of them and the Board Room is interesting to visitors because of them. Among them are pictures of T. O. Morrison of New Madrid, author of the law creating the Third District Normal School at Cape Girardeau and member of the first board. Charles C. Rosier, also a member of the first board; Dr. W. B. Wilson, J. H. Burrough, L. J. Albert and Moses Whybark of Cape Girardeau; E. P. Cartuthers, Thomas J. Baird and T. R. R. Ely of Kennett; E. A. Rozier, Dr. J. L. Haw and Kossuth Weber of Farmington; G. H. Rife of Fairdealing; Dr. G. W. Farrar of Ironon; Dr. J. R. McKenny of Bellevue; Dr. G. T. Bartlett of Poplar Bluff; Louis W. Danforth of Charleston; T. P. Burford of Fredericksburg; John H. Raney of Greenville; H. C. Schult of Caruthersville; C. D. Matthews of Sikeston; F. M. Norman of Dexter; Dr. J. P. Clark of Perryville; J. R. Wright of Doniphan; and C. L. Grant of Jackson. In addition to these appointed members of the board the State Superintendent of Public Instruction is ex-officio a member of the board. Those whose pictures are at hand are: John Monteith, R. D. Shannon, W. E. Coleman, John R. Kirk, L. E. Wolfe, W. T. Carrington, H. A. Gass, W. P. Evans, Uel W. Lamkin and Sam A. Baker.

Kennedy is said to have been one of the most popular officers of his regiment and was loved by both officers and enlisted men of his command. Kennedy was mortally wounded while leading his company in the attack against the German in which his division distinguished itself. Officers of the newly organized First Missouri Infantry are planning to give the dead officer a large military funeral at Dexter when the body arrives there some time this month. National Guard companies from all the surrounding towns which have received their equipment will participate in the funeral at Dexter, it is stated.—Southeast Missourian.

CAPTAIN KENNEDY TO BE HONORED

Mrs. James C. Kennedy of Dexter, Mo., widow of the late Captain James C. Kennedy, who died of wounds received in the Argonne Forest in September, 1918, has received word from the Graves Registration Service in Washington, stating that Captain Kennedy's body would arrive in the United States about December 18.

Captain Kennedy organized and commanded Company H of the old Sixth Missouri Infantry from the outbreak of the war in 1917 until the organization of the 35th Division at Fort Sill, Okla., when he was transferred to the command of Company K, composed of Sikeston men. Kennedy commanded this outfit from that period until receiving the wound resulting in his death on September 29, 1918.

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Try Dudley's Tomato Bouillon
J. Otto Hahn returned Monday from a brief visit in Dexter.

Miss Helen Brucher visited Sunday in Cape Girardeau.

Mrs. M. L. Tripp is in Caruthersville for a few days visit.

Mrs. Anna Lanke of St. Louis is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Welter.

We wish to call attention to the big Cut Price Sale of the Sikeston Hardware Company, whose ad appears elsewhere in this issue. It is unusual for hardware stores anywhere in the United States to be putting on a Cut Price Sale at this time for the simple reason that steel and iron products have advanced about 20 per cent instead of being on the decline. For this reason if people are in the market for anything in the hardware line they will profit by the bargain offered, for cash at this sale.

No decline in products is anticipated by hardware dealers over the country for at least another six months.

NO. 1670 OFFICIAL STATEMENT of the financial condition of the **Peoples Bank of Sikeston**

At Sikeston, State of Missouri, at the close of business on the 7th day of December, 1920, published in the Sikeston Standard, a newspaper printed and published at Sikeston, State of Missouri, on the 14th day of December, 1920.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral	\$274 310 23
Real estate	11 733 00
Overdrafts	10 55
Real estate (banking house)	19 093 93
Furniture and fixtures	635 75
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check	20 289 15
Cash items	2 199 10
Currency	5 159 00
Specie	2 953 60

Total \$336 384 31

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 50 000 00
Surplus fund	32 000 00
Undivided profits, net	10 56
Individual deposits subject to check	126 004 93

Time certificates of deposit 13 251 20

Demand certificates of deposit

3 000 00

Savings Deposits 1 978 46

Bills payable and rediscounts 110 000 00

New building 40 16

Total \$336 384 31

State of Missouri, }
County of Scott, } ss.

We, F. M. Sikes, as president and R. F. Anderson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

F. M. SIKES, President.

R. F. ANDERSON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 11th day of December A. D. nineteen hundred and twenty.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. (Commissioned and qualified for a term expiring January 27, 1923.)

HARRY A. SMITH,
Notary Public.

C. S. TANNER,
Attest.

A. C. SIKES,

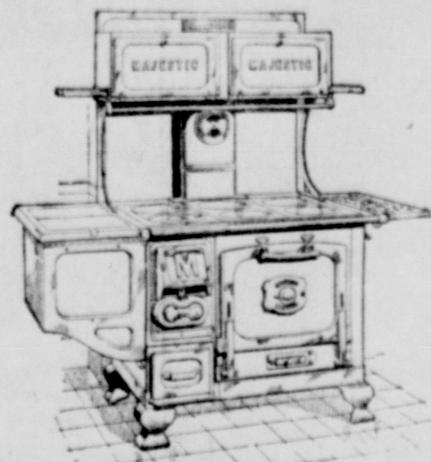
JOHN L. TANNER,
Directors.

Washington, December 10.—Requests for an additional appropriation of \$17,058,789 to cover expenses during the present fiscal year was made of Congress today by the Bureau of Internal Revenue. It was explained that \$9,000,000 was needed for the collection of war revenue, \$6,000,000 for refunding of taxes illegally collected, \$1,600,000 for the enforcement of the prohibition and narcotic laws and the remainder to meet other expected deficiencies.

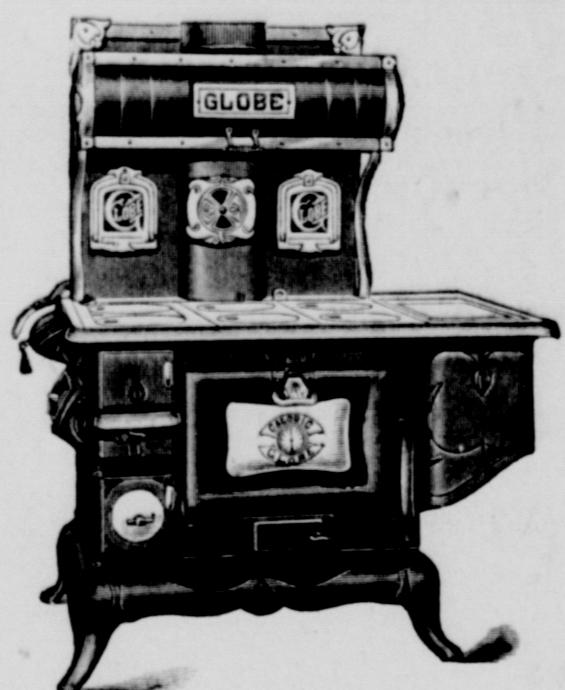
Commissioner Williams of the Revenue Bureau reported that \$1,383,540 had been expended for enforcing the dry laws during the first three months of the present fiscal year. For this purpose \$4,750

Most Sensational Cut Price

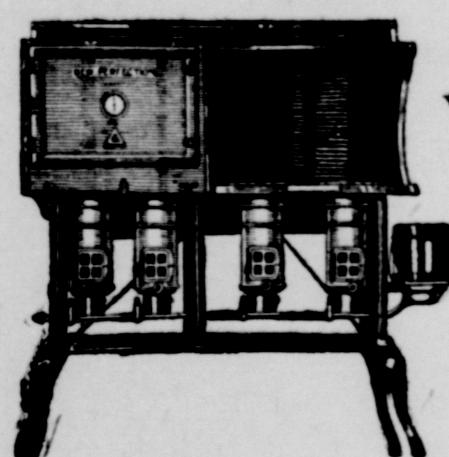
Ranges, Heaters and Oil Stoves



Majestic Malleable Range was \$156.00, now.....\$118.00
 Mars Globe Range was \$100.00, now..... 78.50
 Caloric Globe Range, with reservoir, was \$90, now 68.50
 Heinz Cast Range, square, with white enamel door and warming closet and polished top, was \$72.50
 now 59.75
 Heinz Reservoir Range, with blue enamel door and warming closet, was \$72.50, now..... 59.75
 Heinz Plain steel Range, with reservoir, was \$62.50,
 now 49.50
 Heinz Cast Cook Stove, wood or coal, was \$30.00,
 now 24.50
 Orlon Flyer Cook Stove, wood or coal, was \$24.50,
 now 19.50
 Orlon Marvel Cook Stove, wood or coal, was \$34.50,
 now 25.50
 2-Cap Laundry Cook Stove was \$7.75, now 6.25



No. 718 New Globe Hot Blast, was \$58.50, now....\$44.75
 No. 716 New Globe Hot Blast, was \$52.50, now.... 40.75
 No. 118 Rex Hot Blast, was \$46.50, now..... 35.75
 No. 118 Rex Oak, was \$42.50, now..... 32.75
 No. 14 Aetna Hot Blast, was \$21.00, now..... 16.75
 No. 16 Aetna Hot Blast, was \$24.00, now..... 19.75
 No. 17 Globe Oaklet, was \$29.50, now..... 22.75
 No. 116 Rex Hot Blast, was \$40.00, now..... 30.75
 No. 116 Rex Oak, was \$37.50, now..... 28.75
 No. 13 Enders Oak, was \$14.50, now..... 11.75
 No. 15 Enders Oak, was \$17.50, now..... 13.75
 No. 19 Enders Oak, was \$30.00, now..... 21.75
 No. 18 Wilson Hot Blast, was \$42.50, now..... 30.75
 No. 15 Globe Oaklet, was \$24.50, now..... 18.75
 No. 13 Globe Oaklet, was \$21.50, now..... 16.75
 No. 15 Heinz Hot Blast, was \$27.50, now..... 19.75



3-Burner Complete, was \$36.25, now.....\$26.75
 4-Burner Complete, was \$47.25, now..... 34.75
 2-Burner Ovens with drop door, was \$6.75, now.... 4.95
 1-Burner Oven, with drop door, was \$5.75, now.... 3.95
 Oil Wicks for all kinds of stoves, were 35c, now.... .29

Boys' Wagons at Cost

Razors and Pocket Knives
Less 25 Per Cent

Tinware 25 Per Cent Off

Shot Guns and Auto Casings
Actual Cost

Yard Fence 20 Per Cent Off

Toys Less 25 per cent

Shot Gun Shells
Smokeless, \$1.20
Black Powder, 95c
12 gauge

Water Tanks
Heavy Iron, Rolled Edge
Less 25 per cent

Gasoline Engines, E-B Make, at Cost

Cross Cut Saws at Cost

Pyrex Ware at Cost

Aluminum Ware 25 per cent off

Lap Robes at Cost

DeLaval Separators
were \$100, now \$85

Roller Skates at Cost

Sugar Kettles at Cost

Graniteware Less
25 per cent

Toys--25 per cent off
on Everything

Thermos Bottles and Jugs at Cost

Fishing Tackle at Cost

Toys Less 25 per cent

Shot Gun Shells

12 gauge
\$1.20 Smokeless
95c Black Powder

Toys
25 per cent off on everything

Poultry Wire at Cost

Roofing 33 1-3 per cent off

Felt Paper and Red Resin 20 per cent off

Fence Staples \$5.30 per keg

Hay Track and Hay Rope at cost

Lanterns at Cost

Shelf Hardware at Cost

13 DAY SALE--DECEMBER 1

\$50,000.00 Stock of

To Go at Prices Less Than We

EVERY ITEM IN OUR

In order to do this we are going to offer every single item you ever hear of a Hardware and Harness Sale, especially haven't. Because there has been no reduction in the prices are now guaranteed to us for the next six months. need it bad. When we offer you nails, barb wire, merchandise listed on this sheet at the prices we quote, prices sold at. But we cannot afford to carry this stock

Therefore It is Going to Go at Prices Unheard of and Be Here Early Friday

3-Inch Weber-Damme, Complete FOR CASH

\$110.00

THE ABOVE PRICE ON WAGON



ALL SILVER
EVERY ITEM WE OFFER
FOR SALE

**LESS 20 PER CENT
OR MORE**

Reduced 25

To everyone we wish to state that we are not broke, neither are we going to go out of business. We will have the full benefit of this slash in prices. We cannot promise you that we will be sold that we cannot replace for the money today, therefore it is money. To all our friends and customers we extend a Merry, Merry Year, and invite your continued confidence and patronage.

SIKESTON HARDWARE

"Everything in Hardware"
SIKESTON

Gilbreath Building On Front St.

Merry Christmas

THE QUALITY STORE

A Christmas Gift

We are now making another sweeping reduction in the best and well known Hart, Schaffner & Marx Suits and Overcoats, all wool, and sold under our usual guarantee, on account of the advancing season and

Fortunate Latest Purchase AT HALF PRICE!

This will be our final reduction. For those who can appreciate Hart, Schaffner & Marx clothes, it is up to them to take advantage of this gift. Remember we mean this offer is at

HALF PRICE FOR CASH

*Lasting Only
During the
Holiday
Festivities*



Hart Schaffner & Marx

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During the
Holiday
Festivities*

Our special sale in other lines still continues, and in the dry goods Department you will find the largest assortment of toys and Christmas selections within everybody's reach.

GROCERY DEPARTMENT

Everything fresh. New Orleans Salt Water Oysters, Choicest Fruits, Nuts, Grapes, Vegetables, Canned Goods, and almost any kind of Delicious Candy you may want. Everything sold under a strict guarantee.

SIKESTON MERCANTILE CO.

Merry Christmas

SIKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

ISSUED TUESDAY AND FRIDAYS
AT SIKESTON, MISSOURI.Entered at the Postoffice at Sikeston,
Scott County, Missouri, as second-class
mail matter, according to act of
Congress.THE STANDARD is the only paper in
Scott County that is published
twice-a-week; for newspaper readers
wanting the news while it is
news, and for advertisers desiring
quick results, it is the best medium.The Standard announces the following
new rates for advertising effective
August 1, 1920:
Display advertising, per single column
inch, net 25c
Reading notices per line 10c
Financial statements for banks, \$6.00
Probate notices, minimum \$5.00The Standard announces the following
new rates for subscription effective
September 1, 1920:
Yearly subscription anywhere in Scott
and adjoining counties \$2.00
Yearly subscription elsewhere in
United States \$2.50
No renewal allowed at present rate
for longer than one year.Foreign Advertising Representative
THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATIONThe Standard family return thanks
to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kendall for a
fine mess of meat contributed Friday.The Open Shop means the American
Plan of employment under which
an employer is free to hire men re-
gardless of whether or not they be-
long to a union. The unions are
trying to compel employers to hire
only members of unions.Federal legislation to help the farmer
at this time will have to come in
a hurry. Everything he produces is
going at pre-war prices and farm ma-
chinery that he uses is 20 per cent
above high war prices. Let Congress
hit the corporation thieves.The old bachelor editor of The
Paris Mercury recently asked the
question: "Why do girls wear their
stockings rolled at the top?" and let
'er go at that. The first mail brought
an anonymous answer from a female,
which said: "To keep the teddy bears
from eating the tops!"The outlook for much of an in-
crease in the price of wheat and corn
is not at all flattering. There are no
foreign markets that are calling for
our grain and when the crop from the
con belt is thrown on the market it
will more likely be lower than higher.
If our producers cannot feed their
grain they just as well sell it and
take their loss.The editor is in receipt of a circular
from the Missouri League of
Women Voters with headquarters at
St. Louis, telling of their aims, etc.,
and their slogan is: "Principle First".
Remembering the actions and votes
of some of our women voters in the
recent election, The Standard is of
the opinion that some of them have
no principle hence our lack of interest
in their future aims.For the past several weeks Morley
has been supplied with electricity
from the Missouri Public Utilities
Company's Sikeston plant, which
when in good order gives almost as
much light as a good healthy lighting
bug. However, we are informed
that in the next week or so our
night current will be supplied by the
Cape plant which will be much more
satisfactory than the thin juice com-
ing from Sikeston—Morley Banner.Milton and Ben Blanton have re-
ceived a Poland China male to head
their herd, a son of The Pickett, the
\$60,000 boar owned by Tow Brothers
of Norway, Iowa, that is second to
none in the Middle West. This
young boar is the peer of anything
in Southeast Missouri, has almost
perfect markings, his top and underlines
just a trifle less than his noted
sire. The boys will be glad to have
those interested visit their Elm Grove
Farm and look their stock over.The Standard believes the time was
never more opportune for the mer-
chants to go on a cash basis than now.
It is true money is scarce, but not a farmer in the Sikeston District
but who has more or less grain to sell
or who just as well borrow money to
pay the merchant as for the merchant
to borrow to carry the farmer. Every
laboring man and clerk draws his pay
on Saturday evening or when his job
is completed and it would not incon-
venience them to pay as they go. The
sacrifice sales being put on over the
country are to get money to pay the
wholesaler. If cash went the mer-
chant could sell on a closer margin,
the purchaser would buy less and at
the end of the year everybody would
be better off. The merchants of Sike-
ston and other Southeast Missouri
towns should organize at once and
put this suggestion in force.**Dangerous Remedies.**

To demand a tariff on farm products in a land flowing with milk and honey is an extraordinary example of the tendency to seek wild remedies in a desperate situation. Yet this is one of the proposals or the board of directors of the Missouri Farm Association at its recent session in this city.

Prices of farm products are low, now, not because of the importation of cheap products, but because of adverse conditions at home and abroad. It may be as the farmers charge that short selling on the exchanges has affected the price, but this is a passing phase of the serious situation confronting them.

Assuming, however, that the prices of farm products were affected or threatened by imports, would it be wise to bolster up the prices of foodstuffs by import taxes? What would be the measure of the profits to be given the farmers by protective tariffs? What would be the condition of the consumers whose food would be made dear by taxes? Shall we go back to the bread tax, the most obnoxious and oppressive measure to help one interest at the expense of a whole people ever devised?

Even more menacing to the people is the proposal to curtail production. What will be the measurement of the curtailment? Who will decide precisely how much the acreage and yield of grain and cotton shall be? And how many hogs and cattle shall be bred? A shortage of crops would make the present cost of living out other markets to draw upon look like a joke. It would make living conditions a terror. What guarantee would we have again famine—a famine that might not only destroy life and vitality in America, but throughout the world?

Artificial tinkering with the production of agricultural products is the most dangerous experiment in which a nation can engage. It contains all the dynamics of ruin.

Only less menacing are schemes of deliberate hoarding. Wholesale hoarding by farmers, if it were possible, would lead to grave consequences both for themselves and for the public. It has possibilities of great loss to them, as well as to the people as a whole. Do the farmers want to take the road of the monopolists emboldened which they have condemned and whose manipulation of markets and prices has caused some of our worst evils?

The troubles of the farmers are similar to the troubles of business men. They have enjoyed fat years, particularly the years of the war, when they reaped the fruits of unnatural war conditions, which shortened farm production in many nations. Now they are suffering from unnatural peace conditions, in which readjustment is causing stagnation and inequalities in prices. The process of readjustment is not yet complete and markets which we formerly had are closed.

It is a critical time, when losses are inevitable. We have cut ourselves off from co-operation with other nations in rehabilitating war-stricken countries and from the enjoyment of the fruits of peace. This is not a time for wild remedies to meet passing emergencies, the consequences of which may be worse than the evils we have. It is a time for patience and deliberation in seeking the path of wisdom and progress. We have had too much interference with business, too many artificial methods of regulation and promotion. We must return to the normal methods of industry and business and work out our problems on fundamental principles.

Local colored men refused to work for a contractor who offered only 40¢ an hour last week. Having voted for Harding and better times they would rather go hungry than take piddling wages like they had been getting under a Democratic administration. There are people mean enough to guess, however, that the colored laborer will be glad to get half of 40¢ an hour before he votes for another president.—Paris Appeal.

2 and 1 Pony Boy Suits equal to two shirts.—Pinnell Store Co.

Feed Your Corn or Make It.

M. Everett C. Brown, President of the National Live Stock Exchange, unhesitatingly says that he is convinced that 75-cent corn fed to cattle, hogs and sheep, will make the American farmer more money than it can possibly make him if it is marketed as grain.

The statement of Mr. Brown is based on observation during his recent visit abroad, where he had firsthand evidence of the depleted conditions of meat animal herds and flocks in Europe. He thinks that Germany alone, if she could be financed, would take all of the surplus hog products that America could furnish.

"The marking down of values, resulting from the agitation on the high cost of living, first struck live stock and meats. As this marking down in values goes down the line, and strikes other industries, and in fact all production, I believe that the live stock industry will be the first to react," says Mr. Brown.

In view of the fact that the number of cattle and hogs which will be fed during the coming winter will be fully 15 per cent short of the number fed either one year or two years ago, a strong situation would seem to be the outlook for spring and summer prices in 1921, for live stock of all kinds.

In other words, the outlook on live stock conditions, particularly in view of the low prices of feed, is brighter for everybody associated with the live stock business on the new basis than it has been at any time since the war ended, so thinks Mr. Brown.

The trouble with most of the schemes that are being suggested to meet the present farming situation is that they would doctor the effect and leave the cause untouched. Loaning money to a farmer at favorable rates is a good thing, of course, and so are some of the other ideas advanced. But they would bring only temporary relief. What the farmer wants is legislation that will put his business on a safe and sound a basis as any other business. He wants the boards of trade abolished. He wants stabilized markets. He wants some assurance that the millions he is called upon to feed will not rise up, as they are now doing, and undertake to send him to the poor house. He wants the public to quit passing imposts like the tariff and high freight rates from back to back until they land upon his own. He wants to have the same assurance of profits before he produces that the manufacturer has. He wants to have something to say about what his grain and stock will bring. These are economic conditions that must be answered. And when they are answered right we will see Agriculture on such a sound basis that quack remedies and charity loans would never again be mentioned in connection with the man who farms. Congress could help a lot if it would. Why can't it get just as interested in Agriculture this winter as it did in the railroads last winter?—Paris Appeal.

STRAYED

Three colts that will be two years old in June, 1921.

1 Bay Filley

1 Bay or Brown horse colt

1 Black Mule

Will pay a reward of \$5.00 for information leading to recovery.

John Engram
Canalou, Mo.

And while you are calling the roll of men who are different, don't overlook George Swift, a Chicago lumber dealer. He closed his books September 1—that is, he makes his business year end at that time. When inventories were all made and the books balanced, Swift found that he had made 31 per cent, net, on his investment for the year. He thought that six per cent was enough, and so he distributes 25 per cent, pro rata among his customers. The man who bought lumber from Swift for a house was agreeably surprised to receive a check in rebate. Rather extraordinary for a man to return the profits to the parties from which they are taken. Usually they endow a college or something of that kind to ease their conscience. Ford distributes seven millions his year among his employees. But Swift goes Ford one better and gives the money back to the men from whom it was collected. Some class to Lumberman Swift. He

reminds us of the profiteers—he is so absolutely different. Guess there is no danger of Swift's method of doing business becoming "catching." No Swift, the lumberman is not related to Swift the packer. Just couldn't be, you know.—Centralia Courier.

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A Christmas draws near and every man's thoughts turn to some present for "HER"—she, in turn, is wondering what to give "HIM." Our store offers many suggestions for gift-giving that will help to solve your Christmas buying.

FOR "HER"

Shoes

Gloves

Hose

Handkerchiefs

Bedroom Slippers

FOR "HIM"

Shoes, Sox

Ties, Gloves

Fur Caps

Handbags

Handkerchiefs

FOR THE KIDDIES

Dolls Handkerchiefs House Slippers

Red Top Boots

Pinnell Store Company**Dissolution Sale**

OF

Big Type Poland China Hogs**Benton, Mo.****Tuesday, December 21**

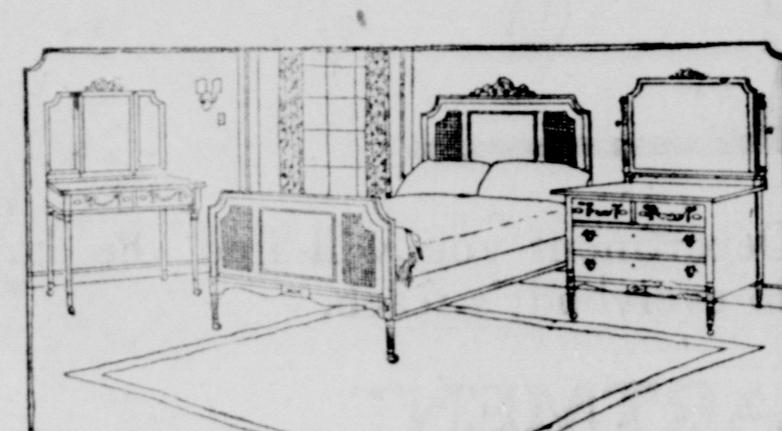
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Including Herd Boar, Quality Climax, Bred Sows, Gilts and Serviceable Boars. This includes some of the best sows in Southeast Missouri

Terms: Cash or Note With Good Security

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Quality Stock FarmIsaac Ross & Sons, Managers
BENTON, MO.

The Beautiful 3-Piece Suit Displayed
in Our Window Only

\$85.00

Dempster, The Home Furnisher

ADJOURNED SESSION OF CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Frank Kelly of Cape Girardeau was here Monday and Tuesday for an adjourned session of the Scott County Circuit Court. Following are the proceedings thereof:

James Elders vs. Memphis Land & Lumber Co., debt and attachment, continued.

Mayme Francis vs A. B. Hunter, replevin, defendant files bill of exceptions.

McCullin Bros. vs American Ry. Ex. Co., damages, defendant is given 90 days to file bill of exceptions.

Corn Exchange Bank vs M. L. Taylor and Otto Cook, note, judgment for plaintiff \$820.50.

Fornfelt vs. John Lucht et al, specifies tax bill, judgment for plaintiff for \$159.15; second case, \$180.16.

Fornfelt vs. Chas. Hamm et al, tax bill, judgment for plaintiff for tiff \$624.16; second case, \$537.96; 3rd case, \$116.38.

Lizzie Young vs J. D. Randolph & Ike Kugman, continued.

National Cash Register Co. vs G. W. Layton, note, appeal to Springfield Court of Appeals granted.

J. H. Barnett vs T. L. Smith, replevin, appeal to Springfield Court of Appeals granted.

State vs Olli Boaz, burglary and larceny, sureties stand indebted to state for \$200.

Beknab Hardware Co. vs Malden Hardware Co., bill in equity, cause submitted to court, hearing to be had at Malden.

Nellie Krone et al vs Eliza Clark et al, partition, sheriff report approved.

B. F. and Mary Marshall vs St. Louis Union Trust Co. accounting, commission of trustee disallowed \$2541.18 and charged to trustee, attorney fee \$1000 disallowed and charged to trustee, and \$1082.28 and \$700 stock dividends credited to income instead of principal.

Bess Motor Car Co. vs W. A. Metz, debt, continued.

Finley Hubbs vs. Lillian Hubbs, divorce, continued.

A. T. Hutson vs Ernest George, account, continued.

Hemphill Lumber Co. vs. D. A. Parker, determine title taken under advisement.

W. E. Cordell vs. Margaret Cordell, divorce, continued.

J. D. Randolph vs Mo. Pac. R. R. Co., attachment, dismissed.

Leslie Dunning vs Marie Dunning, divorce, continued.

Chaffee vs R. W. Dornell, tax suit, judgment by default, \$5.04.

Chaffee vs J. P. Francis, tax suit, judgment by default, \$5.31.

Chaffee vs G. W. Kincannon, tax suit, dismissed.

M. L. Tylor vs. V. L. Parsons, debt, dismissed.

Bank of Vanduser vs A. I. Trout, note, continued.

Dickie Taylor et al vs Rosa Taylor, partition, continued.

B. F. Marshall vs St. Louis Union Trust Co., accounting, appeal to Springfield Court of Appeals granted.

REPORT OF GRAND JURY

We, the Grand Jury within and for Scott County at the November term of Circuit Court, 1920, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have examined the books and records of the various offices of the county and find same well kept, and indexes in proper order and up to date.

The school mortgages are properly watched after and ample security covers each loan of school money.

We find in the recorder's office that several of the early records are in bad condition in so far as the binding of some of the books have worn out. We regard it very important that our land records be preserved intact, and we therefore urge that steps be taken to have the aforesaid books rebound and put in good condition.

We have examined the jail and find that same is well kept and the sanitary conditions of same good. We further find that some needed repairs for the jail and we respectfully ask that the County Court give this matter early attention.

We recommend that the sheriff's residence be painted.

We have visited the poor farm and that same is well kept, the sanitary conditions good and the inmates well fed and properly cared for.

We found at the poor farm two children, unfortunate and afflicted, and it is the sense of this jury that the poor farm is not the institution where these children should be cared for. One is a blind girl, crippled, unable to walk, helpless and about 13 years of age. The other a girl 15 years of age, an idiot.

We respectfully advise that the necessary steps be taken to place the children under the supervision of the Juvenile Court, or some steps taken to remove them to institutions where such unfortunate children may have such care and attention as is demanded in cases of such kind.

W. H. Heisserer, Foreman.

Seaplane Carriers of the U. S. Navy.

The U. S. Navy now has under construction two seaplane carriers, the "Langley" and the "Wright." These vessels will be assigned to the Fleets and each will carry a considerable number of planes for scouting and pursuit purposes.

The war developed the fact that planes can safely land upon platforms and take off from same with ease. The "Langley" which is the converted collier "Jupiter" with a speed of about sixteen knots will be devoted solely to aviation, having complete repair shops, assembling rooms, and space in her holds for storage, while she will be equipped with all paraphernalia used in aviation photography, bombing, etc.

The runaway or launching platform, will be over five hundred feet long and take in the entire width of the vessel which has a beam of 56 feet. All lookout stations, the bridge and even the smokestacks are under the platform which is erected at a comparatively high elevation.

The "Langley" is expected to be completed in time to take part in the winter maneuvers of the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets which will take place in January. This will be the first time that ships of this type have taken part in fleet maneuvers, though planes have been carried by the battleships and flown from platforms erected over the big gun turrets.

The crew of the "Langley," with the exception of the engineer's force, will be composed completely of men in the aviation service. They are now undergoing training at Mitchell Field, L. I., New York. Many of the planes used on the "Langley" will be the land type instead of seaplanes. In case it is necessary for them to land upon the water, there will be flotation bags on the underside of the planes, just above the wheels of the chassis which can be instantly inflated with compressed air. The type used in most instances will be the scout planes of war fame, such as the "Vought" which is similar to the French "Spad," thought it is possible for much larger planes to fly from this platform.

To the Public

I am buying some coal at a price that I can put on the market around \$8.00 per ton. Look out for it to come in.—T. L. Tanner.

Contractor Roy L. Williams, was in the city yesterday and told the Index man that five miles of the new concrete road was now open for traffic, also that work on laying the concrete had been discontinued for the winter owing to the liability to damage by freezing.—Charleston Index.

Mrs. Jack Shuppert and her brother, Jack Dill, shopped Saturday in Cairo.

Mrs. Joe Matthews returned Friday morning from several days' stay in St. Louis.

Miss Reba Cravens spent the week end with her father, Aulton Cravens, at Himmel, Mo.

Miss Virginia Anderson was down from Commerce Friday night for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. E. A. Lawrence spent last week with Mr. Lawrence on their farm near Perkins.

Miss Eva Jones and Mrs. Sterling Jones spent the week end with friends in Cape Girardeau.

Mrs. Wm. Bergman of Cape Girardeau visited in this city the latter part of the week, the guest of Mrs. Ned Matthews.

Miss Ruth McCoy, who is a student at Stephens College, is expected home the latter part of the week to remain until after the holidays.

Mrs. Wade Sitz accompanied by her son "Buster" left Saturday afternoon for a week's visit in St. Louis with her mother, Mrs. Henry Rice.

C. M. Murray of Mexico, Mo., who visited old friends in this city last week, left Friday for a brief visit in Cape Girardeau before returning home.

From Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Murchison of Los Angeles, Calif., comes word that a new baby girl has arrived at their home. "Quite a promising young singer" so says the mother, who was formerly Miss Wooten Davis, of this city.

On account of the high cost of silk stockings, it is reported that some of the girls are painting their legs to imitate the most expensive open-work hose. Now we don't object to the girls using a little paint judiciously, but this seems to be carrying it to extremes.

At the annual election of Sikeston Chapter 137 Order of Eastern Star, held Thursday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Emma Kendall, Worthy Matron; W. E. Hollingsworth, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Marie Dunaway, Associate Matron; Miss Audrey Chaney, Secretary; Mrs. Earl Hollingsworth, Treasurer; Mrs. Mabel Moccabe, Conductor, Mrs. Bertie Felker, Associate Conductor.

The Ilmo-Commerce Road

Work on the graveling and grading of the Ilmo-Jackson hill road has stopped on account of having used all the bond issue money appropriated for this work. The reason the money gave out was because it was necessary to pay more than the engineer's estimate, and the road was built wider and with easier grades than was contemplated.

The gentlemen in charge of the construction of this road felt that to have constructed a 9-foot road in this important highway would have been a waste of the people's money and built the road sixteen feet wide. The road now is completed except one mile. It will be impossible to complete this road this year unless the citizens and patrons of this road meet the county courts expenditure dollar for dollar which is the courts custom in matter of this kind. It is estimated that \$2000 will be needed to complete the remaining one mile. This will be the only road leading to the Cape and north out of Scott county that can be traveled this winter and it now remains with us whether or not we get it. If you are interested in this road to the extent of a donation see Jno. Craig at Ilmo N. F. Andersson at Commerce or W. S. Hutton of Fornfelt—Ilmo Jimplicite.

An Example.

M. U. Poultry Judges Win at Chicago.

Columbia, Mo., Dec. 11.—The poultry department of the Missouri College of Agriculture has just proved its supremacy by having its first poultry judging team win first place in the recent contest in the International Show at Chicago. Eight classes of fowls were judged. Maurice J. Bonham of Kansas City placed first among the individual judges, while Martine A. Seaton and Earl W. Henderson of Columbia, the other members of the Missouri team, placed third and fourth respectively. Prof. H. L. Kempster, who has an enviable record for training teachers of the subject, was coach of the team.

To the Public

I am buying some coal at a price that I can put on the market around \$8.00 per ton. Look out for it to come in.—T. L. Tanner.

Contractor Roy L. Williams, was in the city yesterday and told the Index man that five miles of the new concrete road was now open for traffic, also that work on laying the concrete had been discontinued for the winter owing to the liability to damage by freezing.—Charleston Index.

Jack Frost has come. Look up your window glass that are broken. We make a specialty of cutting glass without charge and at our risk of breakage.—Sikeston Concrete, Tile & Construction Co.

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MATTHEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Singleton spent the week end in Sikeston, the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harper.

Miss Ruby Byrd was a Sikeston visitor Saturday.

Miss Dorothy Waters went to Sikeston Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Carroll left Saturday morning for Fredericktown to be the guests of Mrs. Carroll's mother until after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Holderby were in Sikeston Saturday on business.

Mrs. Letha Edgon is visiting relatives and friends in Sikeston.

C. L. Yates went to Morehouse Saturday to attend the teachers meeting.

G. F. Deane was in New Madrid Friday on business.

Miss Virgie Atchley was a Sikeston visitor last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Bloomfield of Noxall were Sikeston visitors Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. S. S. Surface filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Newell Arnold went to Sikeston Friday to have some dental work done.

Earl Swartz was a Sikeston visitor Monday.

G. F. Dean brought down wires from Sikeston Saturday to connect from the M. E. Church to the plant at the Maniord Hotel to light the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Tolderby were in New Madrid last week.

Mr. Fant went to Arkansas last Thursday on business.

Guy Waters of St. Louis was in Matthews Saturday and Sunday visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. S. A. Fox entertained the following guests at dinner Sunday: Judge B. F. Swartz, Prof. C. L. Yates, Rev. S. S. Surface, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Swartz.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelley Harris of Randles, Mo., are visiting relatives near Matthews this week.

Mr. Roberts of Marston is visiting relatives at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Ratcliffe were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Critchlow Sunday.

Miss Addie James was the guest of Miss Alice Deane Sunday and Monday.

Miss Madge Davis, teacher of the Crowe school spent the week end with her mother in Sikeston.

B. F. Mills died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. F. Franklin, Saturday evening at six o'clock. Mr. Mills had been an invalid for many months. He was seventy years old. The remains were laid to rest in the Matthews Cemetery Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Prowty was the guest of Mrs. Louis Hunott Sunday.

MCMULLIN ITEMS

Our sick folks are improving. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stubblefield had business in Sikeston Friday.

Mr. George Clifford has put in a nice line of groceries and will sell at reasonable prices.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lewis visited Mrs. R. A. Lewis at Salcedo Sunday.

T. W. Lee killed a hog Wednesday that tipped the scales at 350 pounds.

Mr. Meiderhoff and family attended church at Sikeston Thursday morning and maintained them during 1918.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Simpson went to Sikeston Friday afternoon shopping.

Several of our farmers are taking advantage of the big grocery sales in Sikeston by buying large quantities of groceries.

Mrs. T. W. Lee said, if anyone believes the corn crop was a failure in Missouri this year, to come and take a look in the Sikeston-McMullin Grain Company's warehouse and see for themselves.

School Notes.

Lena Lyman and Andrew Bean are in school again.

Charles Simpson has been out of school for a few days.

The pupils of our school wish to thank the editor for the space he has allotted to us for our items, and also for sending us The Standard. If he could see about a dozen of us trying to read the paper at one time, he could more easily understand how much we appreciate the gift. Three cheers for The Standard, long may it prosper.

SAYS INFUX OF ALIENS FROM EUROPE IS SERIOUS

Washington, December 11.—Warning that the influx of aliens from Central Europe "is serious and dangerous," and that the State Department has information to prove the existence of a real emergency, was given to the House today by Chairman Johnson of the Immigration Committee during debate on his bill proposing a year's restriction of all immigration to the United States.

The State Department has handed him enough paragraphs from its consular officer reports to serve as a warning.

Because certain consular officers report an excess of Jews seeking passport views at certain places, this bill has to be assaulted as an anti-Semitic bill," continued the chairman. "Not so. I care not whether the influx is Jewish, Moslem, Pagan, Buddhist, or what not. The country does not want it. It brings too many who are antigovernment and anti-God."

Try a Tomato Flip.—The Bijou.

Dempster's is the place to get your Home Furnishings.

John T. Stinson and family spent Sunday at the magnificent country home of X. Caverne near Canalou.

Misses Pearl and Kate Meldrum and Miss Helen Harbin visited Cairo Saturday evening to look over Santa Claus.

A civil service examination will be held within a few days to fill the vacancy in the Poplar Bluff postoffice caused by the death of George C. Orchard. There are a number of applicants for the place.

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CONGRESS ASKED TO START WAR ON PRICE-FIXERS

Washington, December 11.—Correspondence between manufacturers of agricultural implements, intended to show price-fixing agreements, has been made public by the Federal Trade Commission as a part of its special report to Congress yesterday recommending legal proceedings against the firms. The commission alleged that through associations and meetings, manufacturers "fixed prices higher than increased cost of raw materials and labor" through 1916-18 and maintained them during 1919.

On one of the letters made public by the commission and purporting to have been written by L. N. Burns, general sales manager of the J. I. Case Plow Works to the La Crosse Plow Company, under date of February 23, 1917, said:

"Yours of the 18th inclosing complete dealers' prices effective December 1, has been received and I have checked our items with it. We are glad to have the opportunity of comparing prices with you, and in as much as this is all illegal, suggest you destroy this letter when you are through with it."

MONARCHY NOT FAR OFF, GERMAN WRITES

Berlin, December 11.—The time for the return of the monarchy will come when the German people will have "drained to the dregs of the blessings of the republican form of government," says the Kreuz Zeitung, discussing the anniversary of the German revolutions.

The conservatives' organ adds "that the time is likely to come much sooner than most people imagine."

The paper declares that the German proletariat in the past two years has been torn by dissensions which are constantly growing and that it is anything but a collective unit, in as much as a section of it prefers to celebrate the Russian revolution while the so-called reformists accept the German revolution as marking a new era.

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EX-KAISER LIVING IN REGAL SPLENDOR

Doorn, Holland, Nov. 25.—Revelations in the Prussian state legislature at Berlin of the sums of money which the former German Emperor has been permitted to draw from Germany during the past two years, together with the announcement that the Dutch government will tax him for an annual income of 1,300,000 guilders, have caused the burghers of Doorn to speculate as to what he does with all this money. (Nominally, a guilder is worth 40 cents.)

From Germany, the former emperor is said to have drawn 1,000,000 guilders, equivalent at present rates or exchange to 11,138,000 German marks, also the proceeds of the sale of some of his property in the Wilhelmstrasse, said to be 40,000,000 marks. Besides all this incomes, the Prussian government has contributed additionally to the furnishing of his new house at Doorn.

For a long time William complained of being financially embarrassed. Now, however, according to the people of Doorn, he appears to be living in high style.

Not counting his marshal, General von Gontard, and other members of his immediate suite, approximately 56 servants are now employed to keep up the house of Doorn. This does not include the workmen who are still engaged in various repairs about the house and grounds.

There are 24 charwomen, who are kept busy polishing the floors, brass-work and otherwise keeping the castle up to the standard of old German cleanliness demanded by the former Empress Augusta Victoria. They receive the equivalent of about a dollar a day. Ten of them live in the castle. In all, William now employs six cooks, who include a chef and an assistant living at the castle, and four women who come in to work by the day. There are also a number of gardeners and personal servants.

To maintain this army of servants, whose average wages, the people of Doorn say, must be something more than a dollar a day, William pays in wages alone about \$20,000 a year. Their upkeep costs him as much more and does not include the high salaried employees, like General von Gontard, Captain Von Illsman, the "court physician" and secretaries, who must cost the ex-emperor about \$20,000 more.

During his 18 months' stay at the Bentinck castle, at Amerongen, William lived at the rate of about \$325 daily. In his own estate he is believed to be spending much more.

In addition to buying the house of Doorn, he has this year spent approximately \$32,500 on a little hospital which he presented to the village of Amerongen.

GERMANS RIDICULE AWARD OF NOBLE PRIZE TO WILSON

Berlin, December 11.—News that the Nobel peace prize has been awarded to President Wilson is received here with scorn and ridicule by all the Berlin newspapers. The liberal organs bitterly assail the President and also the Nobel judges. The Clerical Germania says:

"President Wilson is the man who gave Germany the right to hope; then robbed the Germans of their peace. If hypocritical peace ambitions are to be crowned with the Nobel prize, then each succeeding recipient of the award must carry a share of his shame."

The Tageblatt declares that President Wilson's work has been "to bequeath a heritage of militarism to the New World, to which it was a stranger."

GLAD SISTER ESCAPED OPERATION

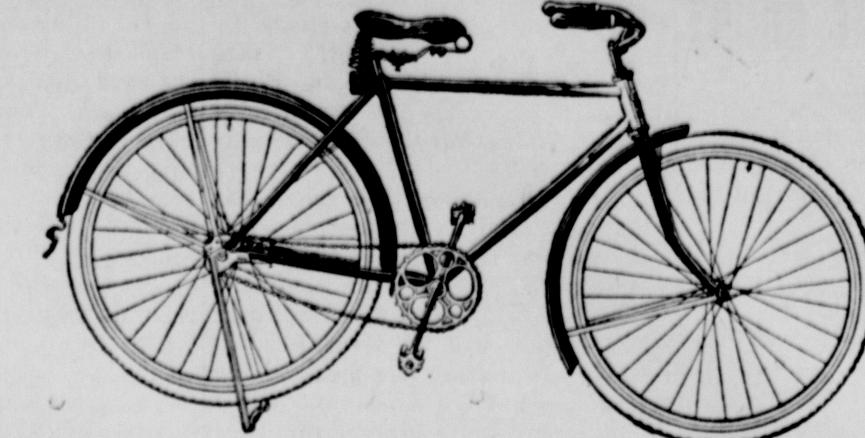
"Physicians had given my sister up to die; they wanted to operate for gall stones, but she was too weak and could only talk in whispers. I got her a bottle of May's Wonderful Remedy and in 3 weeks she was able to get about and walked a mile to church." It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and relieves the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded.—Hess & Co., and Druggists Everywhere.

Cruelty to Mule

Dolph Smith accused of pouring oil on a mule's tail and then setting it on fire was arrested Saturday in the east bottoms about five miles from New Madrid and lodged in the county jail Monday night. On Tuesday he was given a preliminary hearing pleading not guilty to the charge and was released on furnishing bonds.

The mule was the property of Alfred Stepp.—Lilbourn Herald.

Extra good work shirts for \$1.25.—Pinnell Store Co.



Genuine Crown Bicycles at First Cost

Nothing nicer for the boy or girl for a Christmas present than a good bicycle

\$50.00 bicycles for	\$39.00	\$40.00 bicycles for	\$31.00
45.00 bicycles for	34.00	32.50 bicycles for	23.00
		\$22.50 bicycles for	\$16.45

Here It Is--The Hardware Christmas

We told you it would be a Hardware Christmas, and do they look happy? Well, "I'll say they do."

Just think of the ducks and quails and bears and lions that Brother Bill may kill with that shotgun or rifle, or whatever it is, and think of the hundreds of "before-breakfast" home-made shaves Dad will get out of that razor. And think of the healthy exercise for little sister and the sore fingers for little brother and the carving set and silver.

You see, we haven't exaggerated a bit, because there are a hundred other Hardware things we could have hung on this tree if we wanted to. But there's enough to prove what we said it would be—"A Hardware Christmas," and a Merry Christmas.

We have the largest collection of Community Silverware in this section.

See you next week.

Farmers Supply Company

Hardware Department

POLES HAVE SOUGHT

VILNA FOR 700 YEARS

Danzig, December 11.—Vilna, which the former Russian general, Zellgouski, recently occupied with troops of the Polish army, has figured in the aspirations of Polish expansionists for nearly 700 years. The Free State of Danzig is interested in the outcome of the campaign for possession of the city because it is felt here that Vilna must be the strategic point upon which will always hang the issue of peace or war. (The League of Nations has sent an international force to Geneva to enable the people of that city to decide what their nationality shall be).

What its possession means to the Poles is indicated by recounting some of its turbulent history.

Vilna was founded by Prince Godimil, of Lithuania, who reigned from 1315 to 1340, and, with Kiev, it formed an important part of Southern Russia. Godimil and King Wladislaw of Poland united in a war against the order of German Knights, but it was not until nearly 100 years later that the two countries established a common Reichstag. This was at Horodlo on the Bug River and here the rulers of the two lands co-operated in deciding all important issues.

There was a complete union of Poland and Lithuania in 1569, as far as all state affairs were concerned and this continued until the end of the eighteenth century. Although Lithuania was divided into six governmental subdivisions in 1795 and was under the rule of Russia, a writer in the Danzig Zeitung says, Vilna's sympathies remained with Poland.

Vilna was occupied by Russian "red" troops in the summer of last year and twice changed hands during the Polish-Russian campaign this year. It has been called the capital of Lithuania but the writer in the Danzig Zeitung says the number of Poles in and around Vilna probably would decide the issue in Poland's favor.

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In our store at prices that will average cost or lower. Did you ever see such a stage of the game? We can tell you why you pay so much for steel and leather products by the manufacturer. Most of them are made of leather and are not able to go on the market and replace at all next year and meet our obligations.

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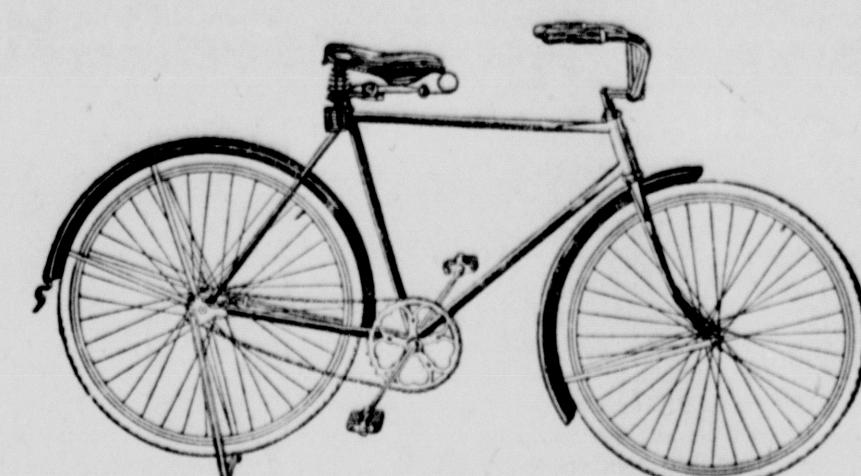
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of business—we need the cash and we are going to sacrifice the biggest sale that everyone will need. We want you to patronize us and reap the benefit of the prices we make during this sale, for hundreds of items to you to supply your hardware wants for the next six months and save you money. We wish you a full measure of joy and prosperity for the New Year.

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OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF BICYCLES



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Woven Wire Fencing

We have the largest stock of field fence (American) in this section. We have always carried and was able to get fence when other dealers either could not or did not. Our stock that we offer you was bought before the last freight advance and is on our yard cheaper than we can replace it today. You can verify this statement by wiring the American Steel and Wire Co., Chicago, Ill. We will pay for the message.

26 x 6 Heavy American, was 65 cents, now, for CASH-----	56c
32 x 6 Light American, was 65 cents, now, for CASH-----	56c
32 x 6 Heavy American, was 75 cents, now, for CASH-----	66c
39 x 6 Light American, was 75 cents, now, for CASH-----	66c
39 x 6 Heavy American, was 85 cents, now, for CASH-----	76c

Bale Ties

The price on bale ties has varied for the past four months ranging in price from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per bale.

We offer you during this sale for CASH 9½ x 15, per bale-----\$2.37

Nails

Per keg, base price, CASH ONLY-----	\$5.00
Less than keg, per pound, for CASH-----	5½c

Barb Wire

80-Rod Spool 4-point Hog Barb, now sells for \$6.00 per spool, during this sale for CASH-----\$5.34

Harness and Saddles

Bridles, 1¼ cheek, imitation pigeon blind, brass rosettes and spots, regular price \$6.00 per pair, 100 pair during this sale-----	\$4.45
Mike Kinney Horse Collars, regular \$9.50 seller, this sale-----	\$8.35
Hair Face Collars, regular \$9.50 seller, now-----	\$8.35
All other collars reduced in price accordingly	
All-Leather Team Harness, was \$80.00 per set, now-----	\$59.75
All saddles reduced 20 per cent.	
Every item in our Harness Department reduced from 20 to 33⅓ per cent.	

Paints, Oils and Turpentine

Pure Linseed Oil, raw or boiled, was \$2.75, now-----	\$1.50
Pure Turpentine, was \$2.75 per gallon, now-----	\$1.90
Outside Paints, colors, was \$4.75, now-----	\$3.95
Outside White, was \$5.00, now-----	\$4.20
All Varnishes, Enamels, Brushes and Glass reduced accordingly.	
We handle nothing but Patton's Sun Proof.	

BAVARIANS ARE STILL ARMED

BUSINESS NEWS REVIEW

Extension of Time for Turning Over Arms There Necessary, Note Says.

Berlin, Dec. 10.—Germany has never recognized any obligations to disband defense organizations which have no military character, says a note presented to the Government by Gen. Nollet, President of the Inter-Allied Military Control Commission here. These organizations, the note points out, are but temporary, and are necessary.

The surrender of weapons throughout Germany is almost complete, the note says, with the exception of Bavaria and East Prussia, where the people are under the influence of the radical regime of 1919, and a prolongation of the period for the turning over of firearms in these districts cannot be avoided until conditions are changed, it is asserted.

Manure Value of Wheat Straw.

As the average of many analyses, a ton of wheat straw carries about 10 pounds of nitrogen, 2.6 pounds of phosphoric acid and 14.8 pounds of potash. This amount of plant food in the more available commercial forms would cost some \$5.48, valuing nitrogen at 30 cents a pound, phosphoric acid at 10 cents and potash at 15 cents. From the standpoint of actual plant food, then, it would appear that \$8 will buy more than the wheat straw carries, and in a more readily available form. More labor will also be involved in handling the straw as proposed than in using the commercial fertilizers.

On soils low in organic matter there would be more object to work the straw into the soil than under the conditions which our correspondent names, though experiments to date do not show that much can be allowed for organic matter in excess of the nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash which it carries.

There are doubtless conditions under which a profit can be realized from straw when used as a mulch for winter wheat, but more data are needed before a definite pronouncement can be made.—C. C. Willimas, in Ohio Farmer.

Gentle Reminder

"The storm burst upon us so suddenly we had no warning of its approach," related the tornado victim. "In an instant the house was demolished and scattered to the four winds. How I escaped being torn to pieces I do not know...."

"Good Lord," ejaculated little Mr. Meek. "That reminds me. I almost forgot to do an errand for my wife." American Legion Weekly.

Camel Cigarettes 18c at Dudley's.

A. F. Lindsay transacted business in Cairo Monday.

Ray Lucas and family of Benton visited Sunday in Sikeston, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Blanton.

Hodges Chile at Dudley's.

75c Per Pound

75c Per Pound



Martha Washington Candies
of Quality

You Know Me!

And You Know Martha!

We'll Both Treat You Fine and Dandy

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Extensive plans are being developed for the cultivation of sugar beets in the Ozarks. The Springfield Chamber of Commerce and other commercial organizations have agreed to help promote the industry.

Teachers at the University of Missouri who about a year ago organized a union and affiliated with the American Federation of Labor have disbanded the union and surrendered the charter. The action of those teachers in openly aligning themselves with organized labor was severely criticized throughout the State.

All of the lead mining companies operating in St. Francois County have posted notices that the wages of their employees will be reduced 9 to 20 per cent, effective January 1st.

The output of pearl button factories in Missouri during 1919 was valued at wholesale at \$413,353 and sold in the retail trade for approximately \$1,000,000, according to a bulletin issued by the Missouri Bureau of Labor Statistics. The button factories are located at Hannibal, Louisiana, Palmyra, La Grange, Canton, Memphis and Warsaw.

The Monett Times states that the Frisco railroad has completed an addition to the round house at that place at a cost of \$50,000 and is beginning work on new coal chutes to cost \$30,000.

A corporation has been organized at Marshall to develop asphalt beds near Higginsville, Missouri. The company proposes to produce road building material and asphalt paint, shingles and roofing.

Missouri needs a good system of electric interurban railroads. The building of such roads has been discouraged in the past by the corporation laws of the state and persons financially interested in such enterprises assert that the law will have to be changed before capital can be obtained to promote and build electric lines in Missouri. A good system of interurban lines would assist greatly in building up the rural sections of the State.

There has just been completed at West Plains the first large milk condensing plant in the great Ozark dairy region. The estimated cost of the plant was \$50,000 and it will have a capacity of about 100,000 pounds of milk a day. The plant was to be ready for operation December 15th. Dairying is rapidly becoming one of the leading industries of Southern Missouri and the addition of such plants as this give great encouragement to the industry.

Unreliable.

A touching little ballad entitled, "Wonder If He'll Miss Me", was received one day by a music publisher from a young woman. He read it through and then replied:

"Dear Madame: If he does he should never be trusted with firearms again."—American Legion Weekly.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter McGee and Walter Jr., of Kewanee were shopping in Sikeston Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lewis of California, who have been visiting relatives in New Madrid and Sikeston left Monday afternoon for St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Keller left Monday afternoon for Littleton, Colorado in response to a message informing the of the alarming illness of their daughter, Mrs. John Calvin.

Andy Welch, steam shovel engineer for the Frisco railroad, bought a farm near Mingo a few years ago. On this farm there were a number of trees that he did not know what to call.

He cut them all down except one particularly nice one that he decided to let grow just to satisfy his curiosity. Now he is going out behind the house regularly to kick himself.

This year, for the first time, that mysterious tree bore fruit, 240 beautiful and delicious figs!

With bananas growing in the Alpen-ville vicinity and figs making a crop at Mingo there is no telling what other tropical fruits might be grown in Southeast Missouri.

It is not safe to cut down a tree because it looks strange. It might be bread fruit, cocoanut or something of that sort. You can't tell what'll grow on a Southeast Missouri tree, bush or vine.—Southeast Missourian

LOWER FURNITURE PRICES PROMISED BY DEALERS

Washington, December 10.—Promise of lower furniture prices was made by the National Council of Furniture Associations today in a statement issued at the close of a meeting held here. The association said the manufacturers composing its membership had determined at once to give "the buying public the advantage not only of present market conditions, but of all declines that may reasonably be expected during the first half of the coming year."

Blue Law Reformers.

"Reformers" want a batch of blue laws ground out for immediate application in the District of Columbia, and eventually for the whole country. They want to stop all Sunday amusements, including baseball, and if they succeed in that, it takes no prophet to figure out what will be coming to the rest of the week.

These stern men and women are under the firm conviction that the victory of prohibition was a vindication of all their views as to what public and private conduct ought to be. They want everything which they do not themselves approve prohibited to everybody else. Government's chief function they hold is to say, "Thou shalt not", and their function is to supply government the list of things to which this prohibition shall apply. Some want to prohibit tobacco, and some want to prohibit dancing, and some want to prohibit theaters. There are plenty of evils for wholesomely-minded America to attack, if they really want to help. But they ought to remain clear-headed and not confuse necessary and improving public diversions with the things that are really doing the harm. There is something the matter with the head of the man who tries to stop baseball and with the head of the woman who tries to stop bridge, while neither pay any attention to child welfare or the condition of working mothers in the land.—Kansas City Star.

NOT UP ON "TREEOLOGY"
CUTS OWN FIG TREES

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Try Dudley's Tomato Bouillon

L. C. Mayes will leave for Eflingham, Ill., right after the holidays, where he will take a 60-day course in photography. From there he will go to Chicago, where he will study the art of retouching for three weeks, then return to Sikeston. If a suitable studio can be obtained he will probably locate here, else seek another location. While away Mrs. Mayes will look after the kodak work at this end of the line.

Sheriff Sneed appeared in Sikeston Saturday morning with warrants for the arrest of Lyle Malone, Nood Manjord, Earl Pate and Otis Bryant for aiding and abetting prize fighting, and Bill Malone for furnishing a house for the prize fight. The boys were under the impression that no law was being violated as inquiries were made and legal advice sought before the first of the boxing matches was put on here. Each of the boys is now under \$300 bond.

Hodges Chile at Dudley's.

Get our prices on underwear before you buy.—Pinnell Store Co.

Mr. Etta Holland Napes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Holland was married Sunday afternoon to Charles Willing. The wedding took place at the bride's home in the presence of many friends of the two. The only out-of-town guest was a Mr. Vigal of Morehouse. This is Mrs. Willing's fourth matrimonial venture. The newly wedded pair plan to make their home in Morehouse.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a well-stocked implement store. I can find a manager myself.

IRMA WILSON.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a job with more leisure.

"NEVER-SWEAT" RICHARDS.

Dear St. Nick:

Please bring me a "Bottling Works" so I can compete with "Huggins."

GEORGE LOUGH.

Santa Dear:

I'm sorry I'll not be here Christmas. I'm going to "knock 'em cold" in New Orleans.

"DOC" OLD.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a law to prevent competition. A diamond ring will not do it.

EARL PATE.

Santa Dear:

When the "Crows" come home Xmas, please bring me a musical one with a red head.

HEINE HENRY.

Santa:

Please bring me a "Rockey" Horse to replace "Fern A. McDonlad."

"BARNEY" MEYERS.

Dear Saint Nicholas:

Please send me a class of goo dlookin' girls—about flapper age—to instruct in the ways of "real society."

GEORGE TONELLI.

WORKHOUSE WHICH HOUSED "OLIVER TWIST" IS CLOSED

London Dec. 9.—St. George's Workhouse, just south of London Bridge, where Oliver Twist had the audacity to ask for a second helping of this gruel, has been closed by the poor law authorities and the inmates have been transferred elsewhere.

The gruel of which Dickens' child hero and his fellow sufferers partook was made in a copper cauldron, which is to be presented to the Southwark Borough Council's Museum.

Hershey's Almond Bars 8 cents or 2 for 15 at Dudley's.

FOR RENT—Five-room house furnished. Near business district. Phone 30.

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for rent. Gentlemen preferred. Apply 202 South New Madrid.

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SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Santa:

I know that you are kind indeed And take good people what they need.

Now my friends think I should have a wife

And not be a bachelor all my life, But the dames don't come at my beck and call

They just won't pay me no mind at all

Now please sir try with your per-

'suasive manner

To get me a wife that can thump the "pianner".

"DOC" PORTER KENDALL.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a remedy for talk- ing in my sleep and also bring me where-with-all to pay the "income tax on a bushel of peanuts."

CHRIS FRANCIS.

Dear St. Nick:

Please bring me a set of "double-harness" and please rush the New Year.

LOOMIS MAYFIELD.

Santa Dear:

Please bring me an M. D. with an ear for music and who will be faithful and not stray from the fold.

ALLIE HOWARD.

Dear St. Nick:

Furniture in Sikeston is terribly high. Please bring me your cata- logue, "Furnishing a home for two."

MARGARET SHANKS.

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please bring me some of your very best canary bird seed. "Loomis" won't sing.

NINA MARSHALL.

Santa Dear:

I'm a real good girl so just bring me anything you like. I always enjoy a visit from Chris (Kingle).

VERA WALPOLE.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a new bag of tricks. I've used up my old ones winning all the girls from the other fellows.

BEAU BRUMMEL.

(Howard Morrison.)

Dear St. Nicholas:

Please bring me a well-stocked implement store. I can find a manager myself.

IRMA WILSON.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a job with more leisure.

"NEVER-SWEAT" RICHARDS.

Dear St. Nick:

Please bring me a "Bottling Works" so I can compete with "Huggins."

GEORGE LOUGH.

Santa Dear:

When the "Crows" come